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STERN DETERMINATION IS BRITAIN'S ANSWER

Sympathy And Understanding Of Dutch Difficulties

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—Sympathy and understanding of the Dutch difficulties is the dominant note in the first press comments on the "cease fire" order in Holland.

Thus, the Evening Standard writes: "No blame attaches to the Dutch other than the guilt that all democratic peoples in Europe must share. Until the 13th hour they were deluded by the hope that separate salvation would have vouchsafed them."

CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY STANDS

WANG CHUNG-HUI BROADCASTS

Special to H.K. Daily Press
CHUNGKING, May 15 (Havas).—China's foreign policy remains unchanged despite the latest developments in the international situation, Mr. Wang Chung-hui, Foreign Minister, declared over the radio this evening.

He added: "We are resisting Japanese aggression vigorously until the Japanese militarists make atonement for upsetting peace and order in this continent. We will not lay down our arms no matter how long we have to continue to fight."

"Over a year ago, we pointed out how Japanese occupation of the strategic Hainan Island would be used as a stepping stone to threaten the Pacific possessions of foreign Powers."

"Today the Japanese make it unmistakably clear, through their statements, that they covet the Dutch East Indies and thus increasing the danger of the Philippines and the Straits Settlements and Indo-China."

"We cannot but feel concerned over any Japanese action in the Netherlands Indies since the Chinese, who are contributing their share to the economic development of these areas, number over 1,000,000 and have heavy investments there."

Thousands Respond

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—Thousands have already responded to the Government's announcement of the new corps called the Local Defence Volunteers which is to be formed to combat parachute attacks if they are attempted here.

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Mr. Roosevelt Aims At Completion Of Equipment For One Million Troops

WASHINGTON, MAY 15 (REUTER).—AUTHORITATIVE CIRCLES HERE EXPECT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT to recommend an increase of about \$181,500,000 in Army funds and \$62,500,000 in Navy Funds in his special message to Congress today or tomorrow.

The objectives of the programme would be to complete equipment for a million troops, to speed up warship construction and to strengthen coastal defences.

Congressional circles declare the salient features of the programme would be:

Firstly, the production of urgently needed items of equipment, such as semi-automatic rifles, tanks, artillery and anti-aircraft weapons sufficient for field forces of 750,000 men and a reserve of 250,000 more; Secondly, an additional of 150,000 men to the Army's en-

The Star Post says: "For Holland's great service of holding up the Germans till British and French troops could take up positions, we render her our thanks."

All newspapers agree there must be no illusion regarding the new dangers arising from German possession of Dutch ports and airfields.

The Evening News, in a typical comment, says Britain's answer will be sterner determination and more fierce effort.

CALL FOR CALM

PARIS, May 15 (Reuter).—A call for calm, courage and confidence is the keynote of the newspapers. "Germany is staking all, and the fight will be hard and terrible, but we must be patient not to draw hasty conclusions from any one item of news, whether favourable or unfavourable," writes Figaro's Diplomatic Correspondent.

Petit Parisien's Military Correspondent says that the fighting from Friday to Monday only brought the advance guards face to face. He adds that at some point on the 400-mile front the enemy may break through, but there is no position from which he cannot be driven out.

DIRECT THREAT

ROME, May 15 (Reuter).—All the newspapers feature what is described as "Holland's capitulation." The Messaggero says: "The most important development in the war is the direct threat to the heart of England following the German occupation of the Dutch coast."

The Popolo di Roma says: "Following the disappearance of Holland from the map all that remains of the Netherlands Empire is the Dutch East Indies. Obviously, this headless body can have no more vitality."

"It is not impossible that the same may happen to the British Empire with Britain decapitated."

NOT TO DESPAIR

BATAVIA, May 15 (Reuter).—The Governor-General broadcast an announcement of the "cease fire" order in Holland and urging the people not to despair.

One of the first reactions was that a number of men applied to enlist in the Allied forces. All native rulers and representatives of other nations, including Chinese

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SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES OF FIFTH COLUMNISTS

AUTHORITIES IN THE DARK

More details have reached London of the subversive activities of fifth columnists in various parts of Europe, according to Reuter.

It is realised in competent circles that perhaps the most efficient part of these activities is the secrecy with which the most elaborate arrangements are made. The authorities concerned have been absolutely in the dark.

The main objective of the columnists has been to disrupt the countries in which they are in operation. Apart from attempts to seize various vital points, including telephone exchange, however small, and wireless and power stations, there has been actual sabotage on well-ordered plans and the aim of fifth columnists generally is the demoralisation of public opinion.

REFUGEES PLANTED

Use has been made of political parties opposed to existing regimes and minority movements—a practice adopted, for instance, in Yugoslavia. It is also known that refugees are planted in various countries and use is even made of bona fide refugees whose relations remain in Germany or German-occupied territory.

Dutch circles in London add that the Dutch killed or took prisoner most of the fifth columnists living in Holland but were unable to cope with the ceaseless stream of parachute troops.

The Dutch had to withdraw a large force of their soldiers to deal with parachute troops, as it was beyond the police power to do so.

Fifth columnists afforded the parachutists tremendous help. This is not surprising when it is stated that over 50,000 Germans are living in Holland.

ITALIAN SCHOOLS CLOSED

ROME, May 15 (Reuter).—The Secretary of the Fascist Party instructed Party quarters in Italy to appoint deputy secretaries by May 20 in case the Secretary is called to arms.

It is understood Italian schools will close for the year term today.

HUGE CREDITS

Special to H. K. Daily Press
ROME, May 15 (Havas).—The Official Gazette publishes a decree, dated May 11, providing extraordinary credits amounting to two billions lire for the War, Navy, Air and Colonial Ministries. The credits were granted owing to the exigencies of a national character.

WAR WITH YUGOSLAVIA?

Special to H. K. Daily Press
BELGRADE, May 15 (Havas).—The Voelkskier Beobachter, official organ of the German Nazi Party, has sent a war correspondent to Yugoslavia who asserts that he has been sent to cover operations should war break out between Italy and Yugoslavia.

This correspondent had been previously in Yugoslavia and had been asked to leave the country when he was found taking pictures of the strategic region of Slovenia.

AMERICANS TO LEAVE ITALY

ROME, May 15 (Reuter).—The United States Consul has asked 20,000 Americans in Italy to leave the country as they might not be able to do so should war extend to this part of Europe.

HOLLAND STILL AT WAR WITH NAZIS: OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE FROM GOVERNMENT SEAT IN LONDON

COMMANDERS OF ALLIED FORCES



In the above picture from left to right are General Sir Edmund Ironside, G.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Brig.-Gen. E. B. Macnaghten, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, and General Gamelin, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces.

FOUR GERMAN ARMIES REACH SEDAN DINANT AND NAMUR

Greater Part Of Liege Fortress Holding Out

LONDON, MAY 15 (REUTER).—FOUR GERMAN ARMIES ARE NOW PUSHING WESTWARDS and have reached Sedan, Dinant and Namur, on the Meuse which, in itself, is a formidable obstacle, writes Reuter's Military Correspondent.

THE FOURTH GERMAN FRONT, through Maastricht to St. Trond, appears to have been most formidable. It was here that the French counter-attacked with a great wave of tanks which disorganised and halted the enemy advance.

The first attempt here was to break Belgian resistance before contact was made with Allied forces. This did not succeed though many strongly held Belgian positions are still fighting in the enemy's rear.

Sedan and Longwy may, however, be the main objectives of the German thrust as this area is the pivot on which the Allied lines in Belgium have swung.

It is now possible to review the events of the last four days.

First, the Germans struck across the Maastricht appendix and succeeded in bursting through at the junction of the Meuse and the Albert Canal. From here their columns spread out like a fan over the road immediately south of the Albert Canal, thus cutting communications with the Belgian first line of defence.

It is in this situation that Liege has become isolated though a greater part of the fortress is still holding out.

INTENSE EFFORT

Official communiques report that the enemy is putting forth a most intense effort by means of tanks and aviation but it is still not clear whether the main attempt is to turn the Maginot Line at Sedan and Longwy or whether this attack is designed to prevent the French from contributing the maximum effort side by side with the British and Belgians.

The same plan probably lies behind the fierce offensive which the French repulsed in the region of Wissenbourg.

TSAOYANG ATTACK BY JAPANESE CHECKED

Chinese Scoring Success On Honan Front

CHUNGKING, May 15 (Central).—Fighting in the Honan-Hupien border areas is now centred around Tsaoyang, 40 miles east of Siangyang, where the Chinese are exerting increasing pressure on the beleaguered Japanese.

Latest military despatches from the front reveal that the Japanese have made repeated attempts to break through the Chinese lines. On May 13, the enemy at Huayung, Tapingchen and Huanglungtang, southwest of Tsaoyang, threw their whole weight against the Chinese to force their way out, but were driven back with 1,000 casualties.

On the same day, a similar attempt was made by the invaders southeast of Tsaoyang. They were

however, well understood and there is a new feeling of sympathy for the Dutch. The presence of the Dutch Government in London had already indicated that Holland might soon be overrun involving appalling destruction and loss of civilian life, to little purpose, and surrender was not unexpected in informed circles here.

Military experts had, all along, emphasised it was not in Holland that the main battle was being fought. The proclamation, it is noted, concerns only troops engaged in Netherlands fighting.

It does not include Naval units and it is specifically stated from the seat of the Dutch Government that Holland is still at war with Germany.

The importance of Zealand to the Allies lies in the fact that that province includes Dutch territory at the mouth of the Scheldt covering not only the approaches to Antwerp but the general defences of Belgium.

Meanwhile, the attack on the Maginot Line between Sedan and Metz continues. This also accords with anticipations, for this part of the line is less strong than the belt of fortifications opposite the German frontier. Full-scale preparations to meet the present attack had, however, been made.

FIGHTING ON MEUSE

Attention, meanwhile, is directed to fighting on the Meuse. Important though that battle is, says the Daily Mail, it will not be decisive. In contesting the advance through the Low Countries the Allies are forcing the enemy to expensive losses before he faces the main defences.

Other military correspondents remark that while ruthlessness may have profited the Germans in Holland, it will have less effect in the war against Britain and France. All precautions against totalitarian methods of war have already been taken in the Maginot Line area and other prospective battlefields.

Permanent Bridges Destroyed

BIG AIR BATTLE IN SEDAN

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that in a great battle, which took place in Sedan and at crossings of the Meuse yesterday, R.A.F. bombers, escorted by fighters, were in co-operation with the French forces. Repeated low-flying attacks on convoy troops and tank concentrations of the enemy made these highly successful, and valuable assistance was given to the French Army.

Two permanent bridges and two pontoon bridges were destroyed and at least 15 enemy aircraft destroyed. Our air force encountered strong resistance by enemy fighters and anti-aircraft fire.

In the fury of these engagements detailed reports from the aircraft crew cannot be received. Allied counter-attacks, strongly supported by the Air Force, threw back part of the attackers into the river with enormous losses. The battle was still raging this morning.

FORTS CAPTURED

BERLIN, May 15 (Reuter).—The official News Agency in a message claims that the Germans have captured two of Namur's forts. The Agency says it learns that the forts of Lantier and Lohetien, on the western bank of the Meuse, and south-east of Liege, were captured on Monday.

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Bumper Season Promised Local Baseball Fans: Opening Game Saturday

BY "R.O.Y."

At a meeting of the Hongkong Baseball League held last evening, official entries were received from the HONGKONG BASEBALL CLUB, U. S. S. MINDANAO, H. B. CLUB, SOUTH CHINA A.A., CHUNG HWA and ROYAL ENGINEERS, making a six-team league with a thirty-game schedule that should provide a bumper season for local fans.

Under the supervision of a committee, composed of F. J. "Doc" Molthen, R. Lau and Nip Lum, umpires are to be subject to stricter control than in the past.

Failure to turn out, for the game to which they have been assigned, will draw penalties ranging from two to five-game suspensions, while no player will be allowed to drink alcoholic beverages during the game, or talk to the cash customers, except in the execution of his normal duties.

The troublesome ground rules, of the past, have been eliminated, no restrictions being placed on base-runners who are advancing on fair hit balls, home runs being allowed for hits through or over the left-field fence.

Games may be postponed only because of inclement weather or through players being called up for war duties.

THE OFFICERS

Officers for the year will be B. C. Lawrence, President; F. J. Molthen, Vice-President; H. A. Barros, Hon. Treasurer; and Roy Lau, Hon. Secretary.

In order to start off the season right the committee selected the U. S. S. Mindanao and the H. B. Club, who are considered to be the two strongest teams in the league, to clash in the opening game which will be at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, when Mr. Addison E. Southard, U. S. Consul-General, who has been invited to perform the traditional opening ceremony, will pitch the first ball.

The U. S. S. Mindanao gang showed their paces over the weekend when they trounced both the H. B. and Chung Hwa squads in two very enlightening practice matches. Tony Mascavage was the winning hurler against the Brewers while Red Keplinger chalked up the victory against Chung Hwa. The winning margin in both matches was only two markers but, despite a greatly improved showing by H. B. hurler Jesse Arcull, most impressive was the consistent hitting of the sailors' sluggers, amongst whom Cecil Douglas, Red Keplinger, Bubbles Bad Todd and "Pig" Padgett were very prominent. Arcull and George Souza batted well for the Brewers who have not yet got into their stride.

OLD COMPLAINT

The Chung Hwa boys look as though they will again suffer from their old complaint of light sickness, although Wally Ching and Tuffy Chinn are likely wielders of the wagon tongue, when they get their patting eye in working order. The Hongkong Baseballers have been holding extensive practices, without drawing any publicity, and as "Doc" Molthen has been working his gang out under wraps, it is difficult to estimate their pennant chances.

The unknown quantity of the league are South China who have not yet indicated what their lineup is likely to be, although it has been rumoured that they have not yet raised a full complement of players.

The Royal Engineers are, of course, the babies of the league and their entry, for the avowed

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Sixth Extra Race Meeting to be held on SATURDAY, 25th MAY, 1940 (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 16th May, 1940.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

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PHILIPPINE ATHLETES IN COLONY

Philippine athletes, comprising the advance party of the Philippine Troupe going shortly to Japan for the Far Eastern Olympics, were seen in action at the Kowloon Cricket Club yesterday when they had some practice.

In the party are Felisimo Ampon, A. Sanchez and C. Carman, crack Philippine tennis players. Another member of the advance party is Dr. Alfredo Dily, also a front rank tennis player. There is a possibility that they will be seen in action in Hongkong today.

The others are athletes, mostly track and field experts, and some baseball players. The party will be in the Colony till Friday when they will resume their voyage to the North.

BADMINTON AT Y. M. C. A.

Jewish Ladies Defeated

At the European Y.M.C.A. yesterday the Y.M.C.A. Women's Section beat the Jewish Club 8-1 in a badminton match.

Mrs. C. Peckham and Mrs. J. Short (Y.) beat Mrs. C. R. Judah and Mrs. L. Hope 21-6; beat Mrs. L. A. Tobias and Miss L. Bercovitch 21-6; beat Mrs. A. R. Pollak and Miss R. Bercovitch 21-0.

Mrs. M. Randall and Mrs. P. Estis (Y.) beat Mrs. Judah and Miss Hope 21-2; beat Mrs. Tobias and Miss Bercovitch 21-7; beat Mrs. Pollak and Miss Bercovitch 21-6.

Mrs. L. Susans and Mrs. M. Guard (Y.) beat Mrs. Judah and Miss Hope 21-4; beat Mrs. Tobias and Miss Bercovitch 21-12; lost to Mrs. Pollak and Miss Bercovitch 13-21.

RECREIO BOWLS SELECTIONS

Recreio's lawn bowls teams for this Saturday are as follows:—

FIRST DIVISION

"A" v. K.B.G.C. (Away)
L. F. Xavier, P. K. Soares, R. F. Luz, H. A. Alves (skip); L. J. Silva, C. M. Silva, J. V. Ribeiro, F. M. Silva (skip); J. A. Luz, C. E. Marques, F. V. Ribeiro, C. G. Silva (skip).

"B" v. C.C.C. (Away)
C. C. Pereira, D. C. Alves, A. P. Guterres, B. Basto (skip); A. Machado, C. E. Basto, C. A. Lopes, J. J. Basto (skip); C. F. Vas, J. C. Remedios, C. Rosa-Pereira, J. E. Noronha (skip).

SECOND DIVISION

Recreio v. K.C.C. (Home)
M. Alarcon, A. F. Noronha, A. M. Rodrigues, O. P. Remedios (skip); P. M. N. Silva, J. A. Remedios, C. M. Alves, P. Yvanovich (skip); F. A. Xavier, A. P. Pereira, E. M. Remedios, E. Souza (skip).

POLICE TEAMS

The following are selected to represent the Police Recreation Club in the Lawn Bowls League matches on Saturday:

1st Div. against H.K.F.C.
E. G. Post, J. W. MacDonald, T. Shepherd, A. E. Carey (skip); W. J. Cameron, J. Headridge, W. S. Dall, J. C. S. Fender (skip); A. Soutar, F. Channing, G. Perkins, J. Orem (skip).

2nd Div. against K.B.G.C.
W. B. Harris, A. MacKenzie, H. Brown, W. Glendinning (skip); G. C. Willerton, J. W. Harrop, N. B. Fraser, W. E. Hollands (skip); D. H. Taylor, J. Hayward, J. C. Aitken, A. Wright (skip).

I.B.C. TEAMS

The following players will represent the I.B.C. first and third Division Lawn Bowls League against the Kowloon Dockers at Hungshom and H.K.E.R.C. at Sookunpoo respectively.

First Division

J. Hosen, A. Bakar, A. R. Minu, A. K. Minu (skip); A. K. Sufiad, A. M. Rumjahn, D. M. Khan, M. R. Abbas (skip); A. H. Rumjahn, S. O. Bux, A. O. Madar, A. R. Dallah (skip).

Second Division

A. S. Sufiad, U. A. Rumjahn, A. G. Sufiad, M. Y. Adal (skip); S. Yusuf, R. Nazarin, A. H. Madar, A. M. Wahab (skip); M. Hassan, S. A. R. Bux, K. M. Rumjahn, S. M. Rumjahn (skip).

CIVIL SERVICE C.C.

C.S.C.C. v. K.C.C. 1st Div. (Home)
A. Steven, J. W. Deakin, A. W. Grimmit, F. J. Jones (skip); M. E. Purvis, W. J. Burling, M. N. Rakusen, H. E. Strange (skip); J. Gelatly, J. Hollidge, L. A. Collyer, J. P. McGowan (skip).

C.S.C.C. v. Talkoo and Div. (Away)
J. R. Carr, P. D. Crawley, C. J. Walker, R. Eccleshall (skip); A. F. Shepherd, H. F. Harper, H. Lord, C. Strange (skip); E. Kironon, H. Parrott, R. R. Wood, A. B. Allan (skip).

LEAGUE TENNIS "C" DIVISION RESULTS

South China Beat Recreio "B"

The following are the results of "C" Division League Tennis matches played yesterday afternoon.

At King's Park, Club de Recreio "B" were beaten 6-1 by South China A.A.

J. Fonseca and M. A. Gutierrez (Recreio "B") lost to H. K. Ho and N. K. Ma 3-4, lost to W. S. Lee and H. C. Kwok 3-5, lost to C. L. Lau and T. K. Leung 2-6.

C. A. Marques and J. A. Soares (Recreio "B") lost to Ho and Ma 0-6, lost to Lee and Kwok 2-6, lost to Lau and Leung 2-6.

R. M. Soares and L. G. Gosano (Recreio "B") lost to Ho and Ma 0-6, lost to Lee and Kwok 1-6, beat Lau and Leung 6-3.

WIN FOR K.C.C.

At Cox's Road, Kowloon Cricket Club, winning three sets by default, beat the University by 6-2 to 21.

D. Hung and J. L. Anderson (K.C.C.) drew with K. Y. Tam and T. S. Wong 6-5, beat M. S. Lu and S. L. Yong 8-4.

F. Wynter-Blyth and A. L. Fisher (K.C.C.) beat Tam and Wong 5-4, beat Lu and Yong 6-2. E. Zulaut and R. E. Lee (K.C.C.) lost to Tam and Wong 3-6, lost to Lu and Yong 4-6.

WIN FOR C.R.C.

At Kowloon Tong, Chinese Recreation Club beat Kowloon Tong Garden City Association, 7-1-1.

Ma Shu-leung and T. C. Chan (C.R.C.) beat B. Yue and Lam Kwan 6-3, beat H. Ling and E. Lee 6-2, beat Lee Kam Ming and Chan Leung-sze 6-3.

F. K. Law and Leung Ping-chiu (C.R.C.) lost to Yu and Lam 2-6, beat Ling and Lee 6-3, beat Lee and Chan 6-3.

C. C. Luke and O. L. Pang (C.R.C.) beat Yue and Lam 6-3, drew with Ling and Lee 6-6, beat Lee and Chan 7-5.

C.B.A. LOSE

At King's Park, Kowloon Indian Tennis Club beat the Central British Association by 8-1.

S. A. Hussain and S. S. Hussain (K.I.T.C.) beat G. H. Fowler and B. I. Bickford 6-1, beat S. A. Fowler and C. Broch 6-3, beat D. T. Smith and J. Sloan 6-0.

F. Khan and Dr. H. M. Singh (K.I.T.C.) beat Fowler and Bickford 6-3, beat Fowler and Broch 6-4, beat Smith and Sloan 6-4.

M. S. Hussain and G. Singh (K.I.T.C.) beat Fowler and Bickford 6-4, beat Fowler and Broch 6-0, lost to Smith and Sloan 4-6.

POLICE SUCCESS

On the home courts, the Jewish Recreation Club lost to the Hongkong Police S.A. by 9-0.

A. R. Pollak and M. Talan (Jewish Club) lost to H. R. Brown and C. S. Pile 1-6, lost to A. R. S. Major and S. G. Smith 3-6, lost to W. Morrison and J. Howlett 4-6.

H. B. Joseph and Dr. Ramler (Jewish Club) lost to Brown and Pile 0-6; lost to Major and Smith 1-6, lost to Morrison and Howlett 1-6.

Talbot and W. J. Ciprin (Jewish Club) lost to Brown and Pile 0-6, lost to Major and Smith 1-6, lost to Morrison and Howlett 0-6.

ARMY v. RECREIO "A"

Army T.C. lost to Recreio "A" by 21 sets to 64 at Sookunpoo. Courts yesterday:—

D. Adlam and A. Murray (Army) lost to G. A. Noronha and H. A. Noronha 3-6, lost to A. P. Gon-salves and A. E. Noronha 2-6, drew with A. M. Silva and R. A. Marques 6-6.

H. Boccock and A. Martin (Army) lost to Noronha and Noronha 2-6, lost to Gon-salves and Noronha 4-6, lost to Silva and Marques 3-6.

J. Emberson and S. J. Duffield (Army) beat Noronha and Noronha 6-2; lost to Gon-salves and Noronha 4-6, beat Silva and Marques 6-3.

RUGBY RESULTS

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—Bradford beat York by 34 points to 13 today in a Rugby League match.

SPORTING FIXTURES TODAY

RACING.—Entries close for the Hongkong Jockey Club's Sixth Extra Race Meeting, 12 noon.

TENNIS LEAGUE.—D. Division, C.R.C. "A" v. Filipino Club; South China v. C.B.A.; Kowloon Indians v. C.R.C. "B".

Passengers MANY RESIDENTS RETURN

The following passengers arrived in Hongkong yesterday:

Mrs. N. MacLeod and children, Mr. A. R. Nicholls, Mrs. J. G. Heston, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Heston, Mrs. A. M. Holland, Mrs. W. Murray and children, Mr. S. Mullins, Mr. and Mrs. J. Parkinson, Miss J. Parkinson, Mrs. G. Shariff, Mr. E. Collier, Mr. K. Chivers, Mr. H. Pitt.

Mr. J. C. G. Fergusson, Miss V. B. C. Hodgson, Mr. R. G. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McClatchie and child, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Owen and child, Mr. and Mrs. R. Balston and children, Miss C. P. C. Rose, Mrs. W. Sleep and child, Mrs. H. V. Wilkinson, Miss M. Wilkinson, Mrs. W. J. Butler and children, Mr. R. Collins, Miss A. G. Donathorne, Miss W. R. Head, Rev. H. A. Maxwell, Mrs. G. D. Moore, Miss B. R. Moore, Miss D. Pearce, Mrs. S. W. P. Perry and children, Mrs. K. M. Tulley and Master G. Tulley.

IN TRANSIT

The following passengers arrived in Hongkong in transit to the North:

Mrs. E. S. Brock, Mrs. E. V. Claxton and children, Mrs. M. Dearn, Rev. A. J. Gedy, Rev. A. P. Haden, Mr. D. J. Kinner, Miss E. Moore, Miss G. Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Warrior, Mr. Hao King-sze.

Mr. A. H. Ballantyne, Mrs. G. Langford and children, Miss W. C. Lambley, Mr. J. Y. McKimming, Sir Andrew and Lady Noble and children, Mr. J. E. Pipe, Mr. R. Stephen, Rev. Canon and Mrs. A. Hutchinson, Miss M. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Tovey and infant.

FROM MANILA

The following passengers arrived yesterday:

Mr. J. N. Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Parrish, Misses S. J. and C. Parrish, Mstr. E. M. Parrish, Mr. Uy Tong-yiu, Mr. O. D. Barretto, Mr. Can Lee, Mrs. C. G. Fernando, Mstr. J. Fernando, Mrs. F. G. Gama.

IN TRANSIT

Mr. M. C. Balfour, Miss E. F. Levalle, Mr. R. Moreno, Mrs. R. U. Agustines, Mrs. C. Overy, Miss E. T. Unchan, Mr. S. G. Toribio, Mr. J. C. Cruz, Mr. C. Pagnia, Mr. A. Dly, Mr. N. de Guzman, Mr. A. Amante, Mr. E. Catamura, Mr. J. Ravello, Mr. C. Granado, Mr. J. Ballesteros, Mr. B. Lovina, Mr. N. Gaerlan, Mr. F. Mandapat, Mr. S. Lao, Mr. F. Fajardo, Mr. A. Francisco, Mr. R. Koosay, Mr. A. On-cinlan, Mr. F. Vestil.

Mr. A. Ruiz, Mr. R. Jones, Mr. E. Novales, Mr. G. Fagardo, Mr. E. Cortes, Mr. S. Siao, Mr. F. Nunag, Mr. G. Cordova, Mr. L. Trani, Mr. M. J. Walr, Mr. M. Roxas, Mr. F. Ampson, Mr. A. Sanchez, Mr. N. Carmona, Mr. M. Julve, Mr. G. Navarro, Mr. R. Onclinan, Mr. G. and Mrs. F. H. Burgess, Miss J. M. Burgess, Master F. R. Burgess, Mrs. A. Gibson, Mr. G. Tin, Lt. and Mrs. L. Punsalan, Mr. A. Smith, Mr. G. Bradburn, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Olsen, Mr. R. Ramsey, Miss E. Sharp.

FROM THE SOUTH

The following passengers arrived in Hongkong yesterday from the South:

Mr. Robert de Voss, Mr. Arthur Hodges, Mr. de Voss, Mrs. Francis Lee, Mr. Stanley Langley, Mr. Noel Ramsey.

The following left Hongkong for the North: Mr. Earl Becker and Mr. H. J. Lackey.

PASSING THROUGH

The following passed through the Colony: Mr. Clayton Aldridge, Mrs. Anne Aldridge, Mr. Wilfred Becker, Mr. Fred Bluejacket, Mr. John Bole, Mrs. Constance Bole, Miss Elizabeth Bole, Miss Margaret Bole, Mr. Forrest Duke, Mr. Lawrence Gardner, Mr. Taylor Estes, Mr. Lynn Fitzgerald, Mrs. Edith Fitzgerald, Mr. Alexander Goldie, Mr. Donald Honeywell, Mr. Norris Jeffries, Mr. John Latta, Mrs. Mary Latta, Mr. John Liss, Mrs. Katherine Lithfield, Mr. Lewis Miller, Mr. Jim Musselman, Mr. Edwin Neville, Mrs. Betsy Neville, Mr. Wallace Van Deusen, Mr. Morgan Weller, Mr. Alfred Williams, Mr. Alfred Young, Mrs. Olga Young, Mstr. Douglas Young, Mrs. Robert Young, Mrs. Evelyn Wagner, Mr. Stuart Spencer.

UNCLAIMED CABLES

The Great Northern telegraph company (Ltd.) state the following Unclaimed Telegrams are lying in their offices:—

Luk Kwok Hotel, from Shanghai, Chu 504 Luk Kwok Hotel, from Shanghai, Thiotjeon, Luk Kwok Hotel, from Shanghai, Choy Hon Way 23 Queen's Road, from Shanghai, Harold Arab, Kowloon Hotel, from Tokyo, A. Hyman 77 Jaffe Road, from Kobe, Wo Hing and Co. 3 Wyndham St. from Tokyo.

GOVERNOR AND LADY NORTHCOTE ENTERTAINED

The Chinese members of the Council entertained His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote to a farewell luncheon party yesterday at the residence of the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall.

The guests included H.E. Major-General A. E. Grasett, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, and Mrs. North, Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Lady Ho Tung, Dr. Lin Yu-tang and Mr. T. N. Chau and Mr. J. C. Wu.

The hosts were Sir Robert Kotewall, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo and Mrs. Lo, the Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan and the Hon. Mr. Thomas Tan. His Excellency was attended by Capt. Batty-Smith.

A.R.P. ORDERS

A.R.P. Orders by Wing Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid

Precautions

RESIGNATION
Mr. S. W. Lee resigns as Deputy District Warden, District "W-C," Western Division, with effect from May 15, 1940.

TRAINING

Meeting: A meeting of District Wardens and Deputy District Wardens of Shamshulpo Division will be held in the Yee Kuk Street Dispensary, Friday, May 17, at 8.45 p.m.

Practical Course Examination: An examination for the students of Mr. Dunlop's Practical Course Class will be held at the A.R.P. Club, King's Park, Kowloon, on Monday, the 20th (practical examination) and Tuesday, 21st (instant (written examination) at 8.45 p.m.

CHINESE CLASSES

Wardens Class No. C. 137—Syllabus "A," Queen's College, Aberdeen St., Tuesday and Friday at 7.30 p.m. commencing May 21, 1940. Lecturer: Mr. Kwong Heung Wing, L.A.R.P.S.

Short Refresher Course, Class No. C135: Pokfulam Pumping Station, Pokfulam Rd., Tuesday to Friday at 10 a.m. Commencing May 14, 1940. Lecturer: Mr. Chak Tai Kwong, L.A.R.P.S.

Tyram Pumping Station: Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m./commencing May 21.

Examination Results: The following qualified as Wardens and are posted as under:—Tsimshatui Division: Mr. B. Pengelly, Mr. Ah-lee Heng; Kowloon City Division: Miss Veronica Lee; Quarry Bay Division: Mr. R. F. Clark; Central Division: Mr. J. Charrington; Gough Hill Division: Mr. W. L. Alexander; Eastern Division: Mr. Lau Kwan Hung, Mr. Shek, Shiu Kwan; Shaikwan Division: Mr. Tam Mong; H.K.V.D.C. Nursing Detachment: Miss H. Grant.

The following members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade personnel have passed the full A.R.P. Anti-gas Course and A.R.P. Voluntary Aid Course:—

Miss Leung Kim Hung, Miss Lam Hing Yu, Miss Lee Yuk Chun, Miss Tong Kit Fong, Miss Kain Pui Yuk, Miss Kwan Wai Man, Miss Pun Wai Chi.

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PHILIPPINE CLIPPER LEAVES

"MARCH OF TIME" PHOTOGRAPHER

PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS PHILIPPINE CLIPPER left Kai Tak yesterday on her return flight to Manila en route to San Francisco. She took away:

MR. VICTOR J. JURGENS, official photographer of "March of Time" who is returning to San Francisco after a visit to the Dutch East Indies where he has just completed a series of pictures. Mr. Jurgens was accompanied by his wife;

MR. RUSSEL BIRDWELL, of "Russell Birdwell Associates," Hollywood publicity man and correspondent who was connected with the publicity campaign for the film "Gone With the Wind," who is flying back to San Francisco after an overnight stay in Hongkong;

MR. HARRY ALBERT METZ, businessman who is flying to Honolulu, where he will be joined by his wife. They will proceed to San Francisco from there by steamer;

MAJOR MARVIN E. KENNEDY, U.S. Army officer, returning to his post at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, after spending a delightful vacation in the Colony;

MR. JOHN A. RENNENG, official of the Antamok Mining Co., Philippine Islands, returning to Manila after a short business trip to Hongkong;

MR. WAYNE H. MAY (Junior), Assistant Meteorologist of Pan American Airways returning to Manila after a short trip to China;

MR. PAUL W. KESSLER, executive of the Iloilo Negroes Air Express, returning to Manila after making a business trip to China. He was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Maud E. Kessler;

MR. FRANK L. HIGGS, prominent geologist of Manila, returning home after a business trip to Hongkong;

MR. FRANK M. CHALMERS, Shipping Manager of Messrs. Jensen & Co., on a business trip to Manila; and

MR. SY TUAN, Chinese merchant and a well-known Clipper commuter, making a short trip to Manila.

HONOLULU CLIPPER

Pan American Airways Honolulu Clipper is scheduled to arrive at Kai Tak on May 21 and return the following morning.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS

Imperial Airways outward mail plane Della left Kai Tak yesterday at 7 a.m. She took away 204 kilos of mail, 47 kilos of freight and three passengers—Mrs. A. E. Grasett to London, Capt. S. Urvik to Calcutta, and one Chinese passenger for Bangkok.

Imperial Airways inward plane with London mails of May 8, is due to arrive at Kai Tak today.

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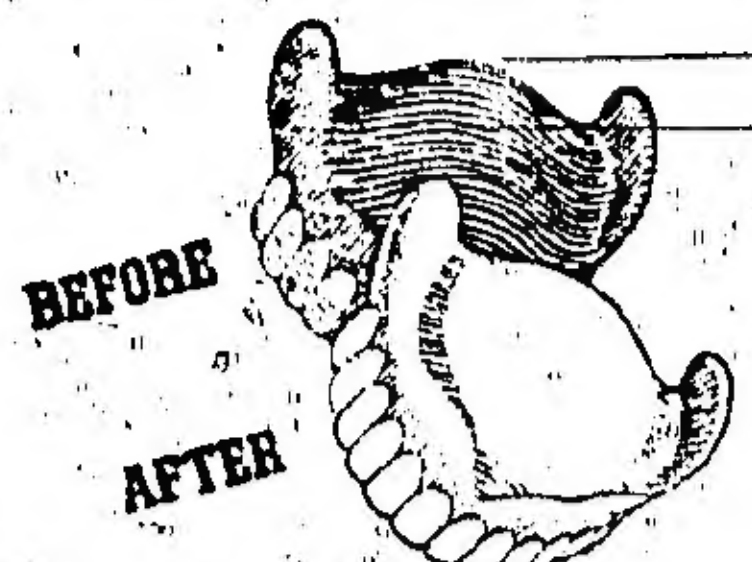
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America Should Do Much More, Says Paper

WASHINGTON, May 15 (Reuter).—A wave of pro-Ally sentiment is sweeping through the United States. President Roosevelt's speech on Saturday, which was considered somewhat daring in certain political quarters, was actually surpassed by Mr. Cordell Hull's yesterday.

The announcement that the United States was willing to join other American Republics in a protest to Germany over the invasion of the Low Countries is hailed here as a step in advance of either speech.

NOT ENOUGH

The Washington Star says: "Mr. Cordell Hull has informed war-mad Germany that America will henceforth support the Allies morally at least, with the democracies battling for their lives, but this is not enough."

The newspaper calls for practical and tangible assistance for the Allies and cessation of "quibbling" about how and when payments for aircraft plant should be made, and says the United States had far better make an outright gift of planes and guns to Britain and France.

Bomb All You Can See

INSTRUCTIONS TO NAZI PLANES

PARIS, May 15 (Reuter).—The German High Command has ordered its 6,000 or 7,000 planes on the Belgian front to attack ruthlessly both civil and military objectives, says a message from Brussels.

"Since Tuesday," says the despatch, "there have been numerous attacks on open cities and huge fires have been caused by bombs on Namur."

Part of Liege has undergone intensive bombing for 12 hours. On the roads, motor cars carrying evacuees are pitilessly pursued.

NO SIGN OF PANIC

The Brussels banks this morning declared a moratorium on withdrawals.

On Post Office accounts only 5,000 francs fortnightly can be withdrawn.

Long queues are waiting before the Bank of England offices and the post offices but there is no sign of panic.

"Although the people are preparing to leave the capital at short notice, it is not through fear of danger as the population has shown remarkable courage since the invasion began."

"The Belgians prefer to risk great danger on the roads and railways rather than the horrors of German occupation."

ALLIES LAND IN BIERKVIK

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—A War Office communique states that "Allied forces made a successful landing in Bierkvik, seven miles north of Narvik, suffering only a few minor casualties. Bierkvik is in the rear of the German positions in the Gratangen area where our forces made a successful attack at the same time."

An enemy detachment, which had landed at Hemnes, was bombarded by a British warship. Casualties were inflicted on the enemy."

VOLUNTEER FORCE

It is officially announced that a new force will be created known as "Local Defence Volunteers." The force will be voluntary and unpaid, and the ages between 17 and 65 years. The volunteers will be armed and the force will be used mostly in small towns, villages and other sparsely populated areas.

CONCENTRATED ALLIED WAR IN THE AIR

Fighter Pilots Take Heavy Toll Of Germans

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—Reuter's special correspondent with the R.A.F. somewhere in France reports that bombers of the R.A.F. and advanced striking force are attacking with the fullest possible vigour the German armies engaged in the fresh thrust from Belgium, round the corner of the Maginot Line.

No details are yet available regarding the action taken but it is understood that all available and serviceable aircraft are being concentrated on this task.

A day of almost continuous German air raids over north-east France testifies to the sharp increase in the tempo of the air with the German attack against the Low Countries.

HOSPITAL BOMBED

When the German air force paid their usual early morning call a number of bombs fell on a village wrecking a small maternity hospital and two houses and killing a number of people.

An Air Ministry communique states that the object of our air operations in the battle now developing in the Low Countries has been to harass the enemy's deployment and communications, and to protect the advance Allied troops. Throughout Monday and last night, our bombers continued to attack enemy road and railway bridges to the Dutch and Belgian battlefields.

ROADS BLOCKED

Considerable damage was done to enemy lines of communications. The roads to Brabant were successfully blocked, and further north, on the Dutch battlefields, important railway bridges were attacked and a fire was seen to break out.

Our fighter aircraft have been constantly on patrol over the battlefield and approaches to it, and in the day's work our fighter pilots inflicted on the enemy at least four times the loss they themselves suffered.

In Holland Today

AMSTERDAM, May 15 (Reuter).—According to the Dutch Commander-in-Chief on Tuesday, the military position in Holland is as follows:—

The northern provinces are in the hands of the enemy.

Attempts to attack the dam across the mouth of the Zuyder Zee have been frustrated. Rotterdam, on the northern side of the River Maas, is in Dutch hands.

IN DUTCH HANDS

Heider, the important base at the Hook, is in Dutch hands. The position at Brabant is uncertain.

Zeeland is in Dutch hands. On the Dutch frontier the troops have withdrawn to the water line.

Air defence organisations are still working despite serious losses. The Commander-in-Chief said that the struggle was difficult but the fight was worth while. It was a fight for Dutch independence and existence, for freedom won centuries ago by the Prince of Orange.

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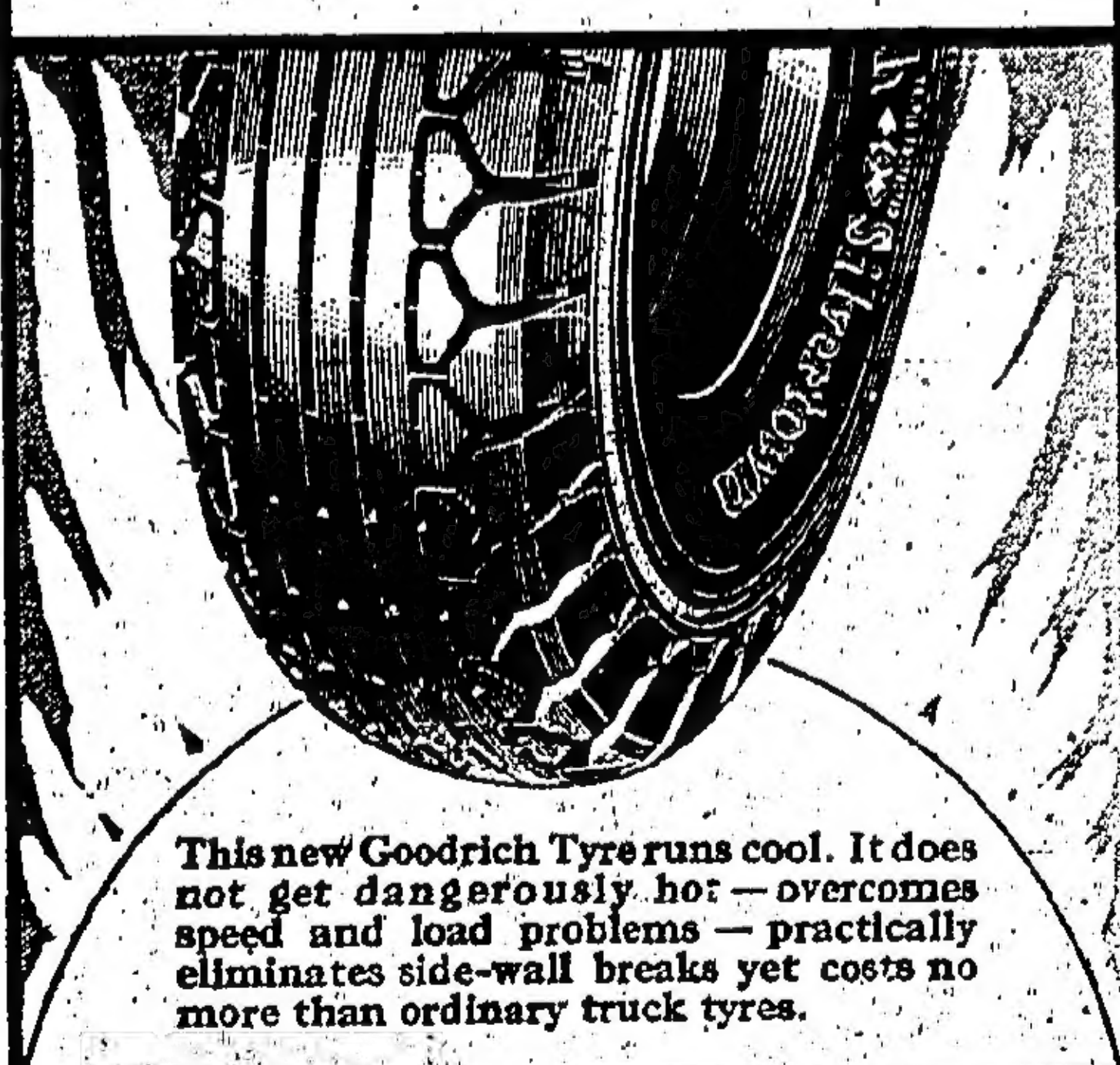
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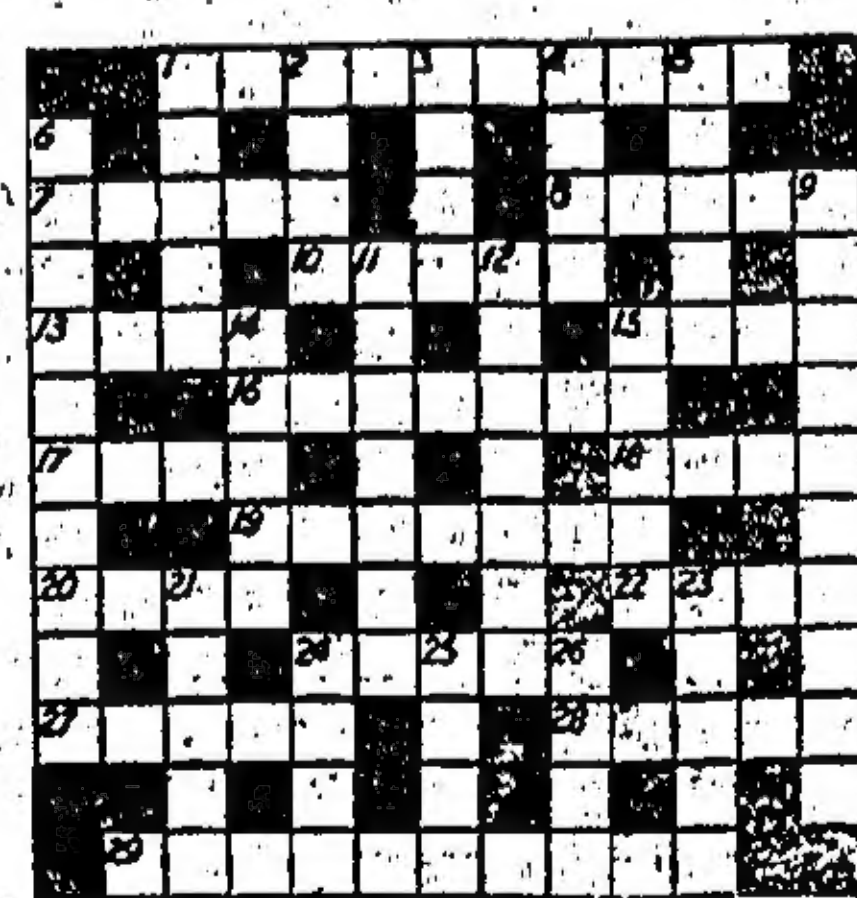
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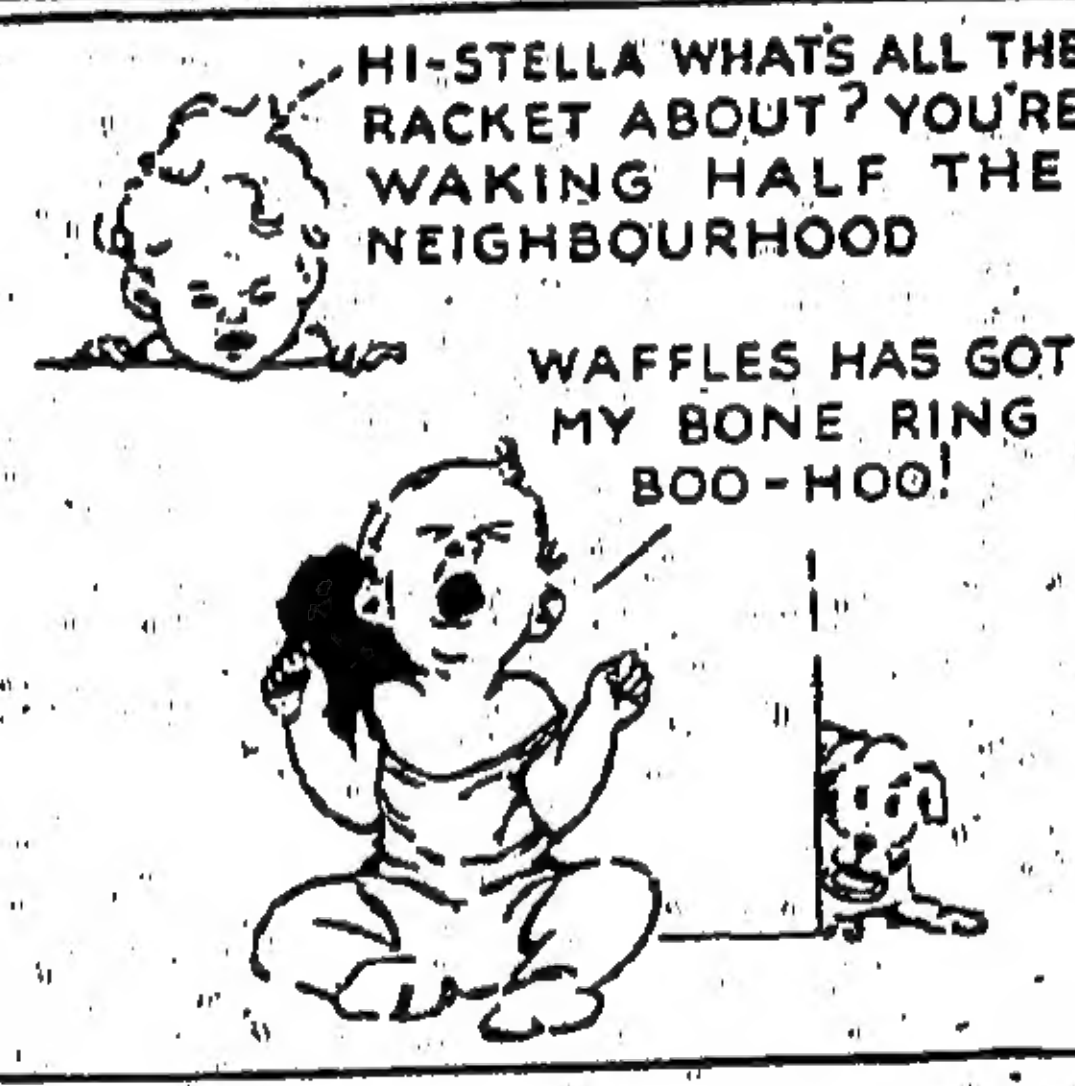
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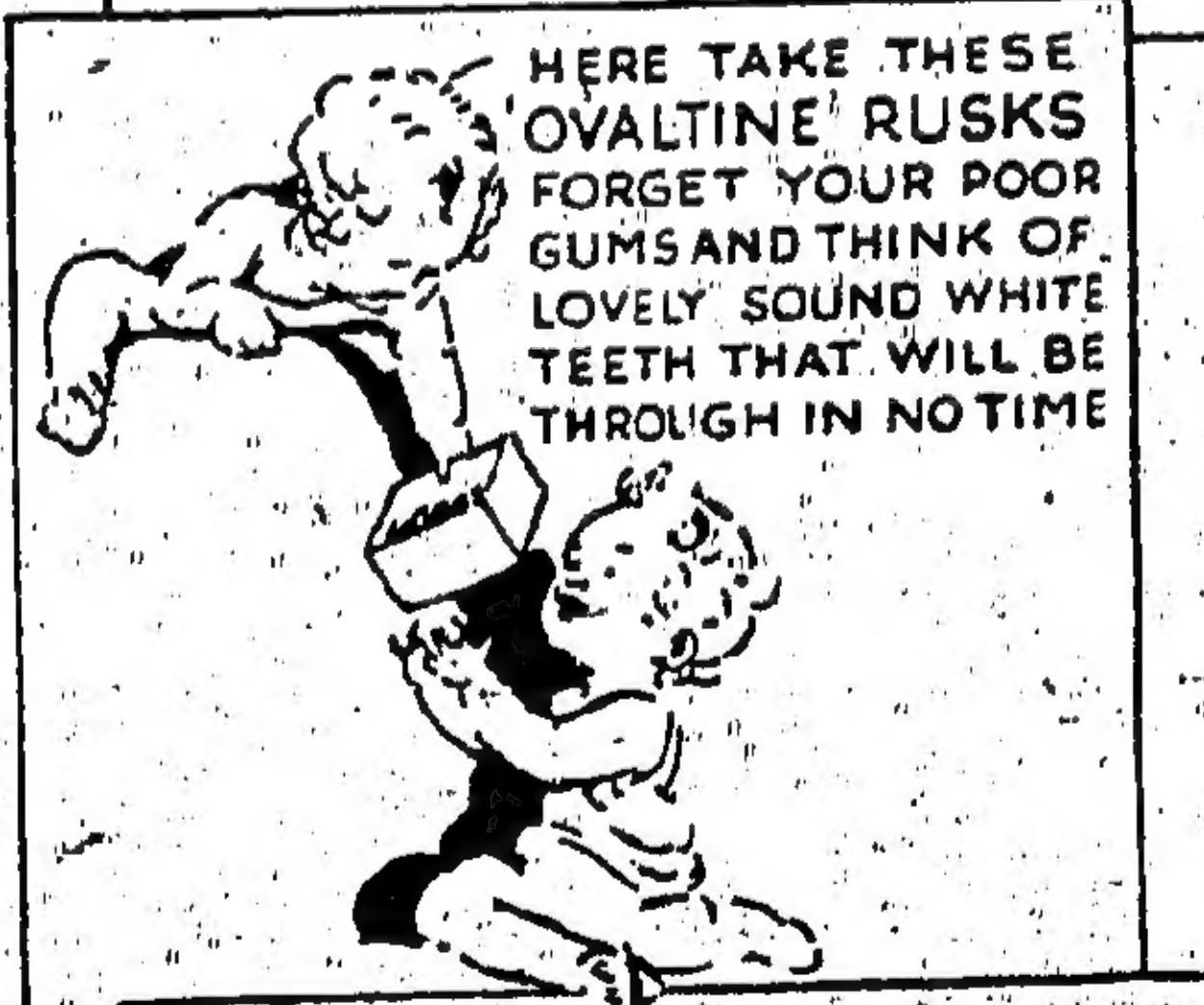
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CRIMINAL SESSIONS CALENDAR

MURDER, BRIBERY AND ABORTION

Two murder cases are amongst 20 to be tried at May Criminal Sessions, which will commence at the Supreme Court on Saturday.

The following are those accused and their alleged offences:—

Lo Kau and Chan Tim-shing: murder.

Ohno Tainosuke: attempted murder.

Chan Wah, Hung Kau, Tam Hon, Yuen Ping and Kung Tak-on: breaches of deportation orders.

Hung Kau: robbery and possession of arms.

Wong Cheuk, Ng Kuen, Ho Yuk and Leung Kong: possession of arms and ammunition.

BRIBE ALLEGED

Li Sing-san, alias Li wai-tas, alias Clarke Li and Li Yan-wah, alias Li Sun: obtaining a bribe.

Wong Hoi-shum: larceny from the person.

Tong Sau-wah and Kwong So-ching: using an instrument to procure miscarriage.

Chiu Tong: wounding with intent and wounding.

Lo Yau, Yan Kwai-chiu, alias Yan Pat, Sun Kun and Yu San: armed robbery in dwelling and receiving stolen property.

Li Kun-lin: robbery by two or more.

Lo Yau and seven others: receiving stolen property.

Tsai Yau, Lam Loi, Lam Yan, Tsai Ho, Lam On, Chan Kun-tse, Ho Ping, Tsang Hop, Wong Sui kam, Leung Kum, Wong Cheung-ki, Lam Chan, Ng Lok, Man Ngan Chai, Sui Lam, Chan Shing, Sui Ngau Mui and Cheung Shap Shee: robbery.

TRAMWAY CO. WITHDRAW CLAIM

JUDGMENT FOR DEFENDANTS

The claim brought by the Hongkong Tramways Ltd. against Ricardo Young, of Catchick Street, for \$70.45 for damage alleged to have been caused to a tramcar arising from a collision between a tram and a lorry along Kennedy Town Praya on January 21, was withdrawn after certain evidence was heard at the resumption of the case before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams in the Summary Court yesterday.

Plaintiffs claimed that the collision was caused through the negligent driving of the lorry-driver. This was denied by the defendant, who brought a counter-claim for \$80 for repairs to the lorry.

Mr. P. Wynter-Blyth was for the plaintiffs, and Mr. F. G. Miger for the defendant.

After Cheung Yiu-luen, the tram-driver, and Mr. G. S. Rodger, engineer of the Hongkong Tramways, had given evidence, Mr. Wynter-Blyth applied for a short adjournment following which he announced that his clients would proceed no further with the case.

Regarding the counter-claim, he said his clients admitted liability but denied that there was substantial damage to the lorry.

After the repairer of the lorry had given evidence, his Lordship gave judgment with costs both on the claim and counter-claim to defendants, awarding damages to the extent of \$80.

LOCAL ESTATE

PLANE CRASH RECALLED

The late Mr. George Horace Weigle, formerly of the Central Aircraft Manufacturing Co. Ltd., Inc. U.S.A., who was killed in a plane crash over Kwan Yang Po airfield, near Chungking, on May 5 last year, left estate in Hongkong valued at \$11,300.

Only 77 years at the time of his death, the young pilot was buried in the International Cemetery at Chungking. He left all his property to his father, Mr. Milford Weigle, of Fort Myers, Florida.

Letters of administration have been granted to Mr. D. L. Strellett, solicitor and lawful attorney.

Bishop Tsu Due Here

Dr. Y. Y. Tsu, newly consecrated Assistant Bishop to the Rt. Rev. Bishop R. O. Hall of Hongkong, is expected to arrive here from Shanghai about May 19, en route to Yunnan and Kweichow to take charge of the dioceses there.

Dr. Tsu, who is noted for his educational and religious work both in China and United States, has been Professor of Sociology of St. John's University, Shanghai, visiting lecturer of the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, U. S. A., and secretary of the National Christian Council, Shanghai.

After the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities, he went to Chungking where he rendered his services to the New Life Movement.

He was consecrated Assistant Bishop in Shanghai on May 1, as a reward for his distinguished work in Yunnan and Kweichow.

CONSTABLE IN A DIVAN

A Chinese constable of the Hongkong Police Force was arrested by a party of Revenue Officers following a surprise raid on an opium divan in Electric Road on Tuesday.

The defendant, named Chan Cheuk-sun, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday with smoking in an opium divan and misconduct as a police officer by being found in a divan. He pleaded not guilty to the two counts and was remanded to Tuesday afternoon when the case will be heard. Bail was fixed at \$500.

In connection with the raid, Loung Yiu, who was charged with keeping an opium divan and possession of a mass of opium, was fined a total sum of \$85 or seven weeks' hard labour. Sgt. Poekson was in charge of the case against the constable.

NEWSETTES

Mrs. Grasset, wife of Major-General A. E. Grasset, D.S.O., M.C., G.O.C. China, left for London yesterday morning by Imperial Airways mail plane Delta.

Mr. J. N. Sweeney, of the Shipbuilding Dept., Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd., returned to the Colony yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Owen arrived in the Colony yesterday. Mr. Owen is an Architect in the P.W.D.

Mrs. Sleep, wife of Mr. S. A. Sleep, Assistant secretary of the Hongkong Jockey Club, returned to Hongkong yesterday.

Rev. H. A. Maxwell, of the C.M.S., Mienchou, Szechuan, arrived in Hongkong yesterday.

Mrs. Perry, wife of Mr. S. W. F. Perry, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, returned to Hongkong yesterday.

Rev. A. P. Hadwen, of Wusueh, was an arrival in Hongkong yesterday en route to Shanghai.

Mrs. W. J. Buller, wife of Mr. W. J. Buller, chief preventive officer, Imports and Exports Office, returned to Hongkong yesterday.

Mrs. J. Gilchrist, wife of Mr. J. Gilchrist, Inspector of Stores, Stores Department, returned to the Colony yesterday.

Mrs. A. M. Holland, wife of Mr. A. M. Holland, of the Public Works Department, returned to Hongkong yesterday.

Rev. A. J. Gedge, of Hankow, was in Hongkong yesterday en route to Shanghai.

Mrs. G. Sherriff, wife of Mr. G. H. Sherriff of the Urban Council, returned to the Colony yesterday.

Mr. J. Warrior, of the China Navigation Co., Shanghai passed through Hongkong yesterday on his way to the North.

Mr. J. A. Parrish, attorney of the Standard Vacuum Oil Co., Manila, arrived in Hongkong yesterday accompanied by Mrs. Parrish and family.

Mrs. E. Claxton, wife of Mr. E. W. Claxton, of Patons and Baldwins Shanghai, passed through Hongkong yesterday on her way to the North.

Lieut. T. Parkinson, of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, returned to Hongkong yesterday accompanied by Mrs. Parkinson and Miss Parkinson.

Mr. D. J. R. Kenniar, of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Shanghai, arrived in Hongkong yesterday on his way to the North.

Mr. Tan Kah-kee, Chinese industrial magnate in Singapore, arrived in Lanchow from Chengtu by plane on Tuesday. The prominent overseas Chinese is on an leisurely tour to various interior cities.

NOISE OUTSIDE PEAK MANSIONS

A public car driver, Kam Kwong, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court yesterday for causing a disturbance outside No. 15, Peak Mansions on April 24.

The summons was taken out at the instigation of Mr. W. F. Simmons, who said that about 3.30 a.m. on the day in question he was awakened by noises outside his house when the defendant made several attempts to start the engine of his car.

Defendant said he had to start the engine before he could go back to garage.

The hearing was adjourned to Wednesday.

REFEREES TO HOLD WHIST DRIVE

The Hongkong Football Referees Association will hold their 4th Monthly Whist Drive at the Hotel Cecil on Friday, at 8.30 p.m. Mr. Ford, assisted by the Committee, will carry out the duties of M.C. Mrs. Dove has very kindly consented to present the prizes at the conclusion of the Drive. Tickets at \$1 each (including refreshments) may be obtained from Mr. Dove (Treasurer), Hotel Cecil, any Football Referee, or at the door.

Mr. Arthur Hodges, engineer of Texas Oil Co., arrived in the Colony yesterday.

Mr. A. J. Williams, of the Bombay Burma Trading Corporation, Ltd., Bangkok, passed through Hongkong yesterday on his way to the North.

Mr. Claysen Aldridge, Consul for U.S. in Singapore, was a passenger through the Colony yesterday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Aldridge.

Mrs. H. V. Wilkinson, wife of Mr. W. H. Wilkinson, Partner of Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co., returned to the Colony yesterday with Miss M. Wilkinson.

Mr. Edwin L. Neville, Minister of the U.S. Legation in Bangkok, arrived in the Colony yesterday en route to the North, accompanied by Mrs. Neville.

Dr. P. C. Chang, newly appointed Chinese Minister to Turkey, was awarded the Order of the Brilliant Jade of the Third Grade by the National Government on May 14.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote were amongst the large number of guests of the 2nd Battalion, Royal Scots Regiment, at a Retreat beaten by the Buglers, Drums and Pipes at the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday. Stirring music was rendered under the direction of Drum Major Fielding.

The Assistant Commissioners, on behalf of the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade, extend grateful thanks to all who sent in donations, both great and small, also to those who by the loan of premises, assistance, display of posters and sale of badges and flags, contributed to the success of Flag Day.

Those who desire to purchase tickets for the forthcoming Choral Group production of the opera "Cavalleria Rusticana," at the King's Theatre, are requested to note that tickets are available only at the Anderson Music Company, 106 House Street. Booking will shortly open at the theatre.

Appearing on remand before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday charged with the unlawful possession of four detonators, three sticks of dynamite and a quantity of blasting powder and blasting without a permit at the backyard of No. 29, Bonham Road, Law Lan, 29, stone cutter, was fined \$120 or three months' imprisonment.

The weekly return, showing the number of refugees and destitutes accommodated in the Government Camps, give the figures for the week-ended on May 11, as 9,911 as against 9,702 of the previous week. Included in this number are 710 soldiers in the Argyle Street Camp, besides 21 in hospital. The greatest number are accommodated in the Kam Tim Rural area, the figure being 2,208.

IT WAS HIS BAD DAY

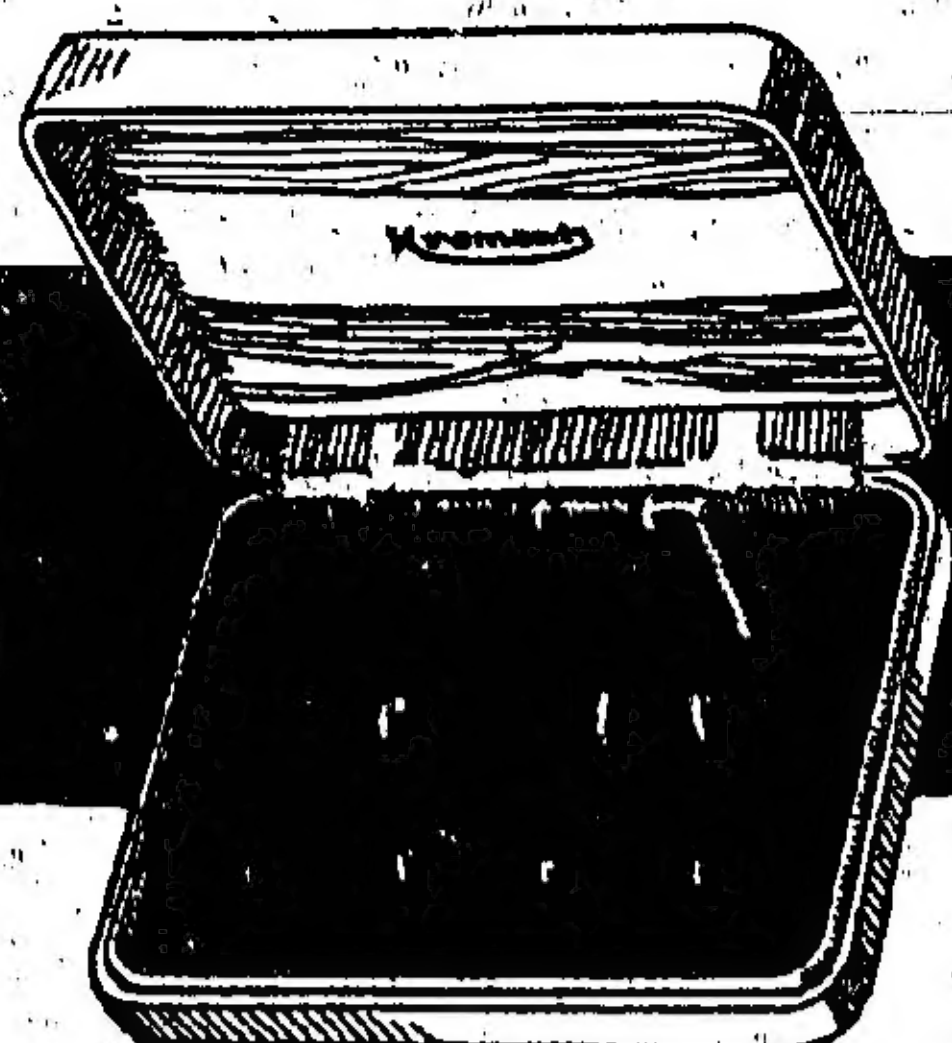
A Chinese lady, Mrs. Anita Szeto, 27, held on grimly to her bag in Chi Wo Street about noon on Tuesday when a man who had approached her from behind attempted to snatch it away. She managed to hold on long enough for the would-be snatcher to give up the idea.

She then went on her way, when she encountered the snatcher once more in Ningpo Street. Recognizing him, she followed him and then turned into Nathan Road where she met Sgt. Mackenzie of the Police. They went in search of the man and arrested him in the next street.

Wong Kam, 28, the would-be snatcher, was sentenced by Mr. Q. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Court yesterday to three months' hard labour. He will also be expelled from the Colony.

WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

The following couples were married yesterday at the Supreme Court Registry:—
Mr. Chow Tak-yip, merchant, of No. 45 Sai Yee Street, and Miss Yu Kit-yue, of No. 238 Jaffe Road;
Mr. Thang Pang, salesman, of No. 32 Aberdeen Street, and Miss Wong Oi-lin, of No. 20 Stanton Street.



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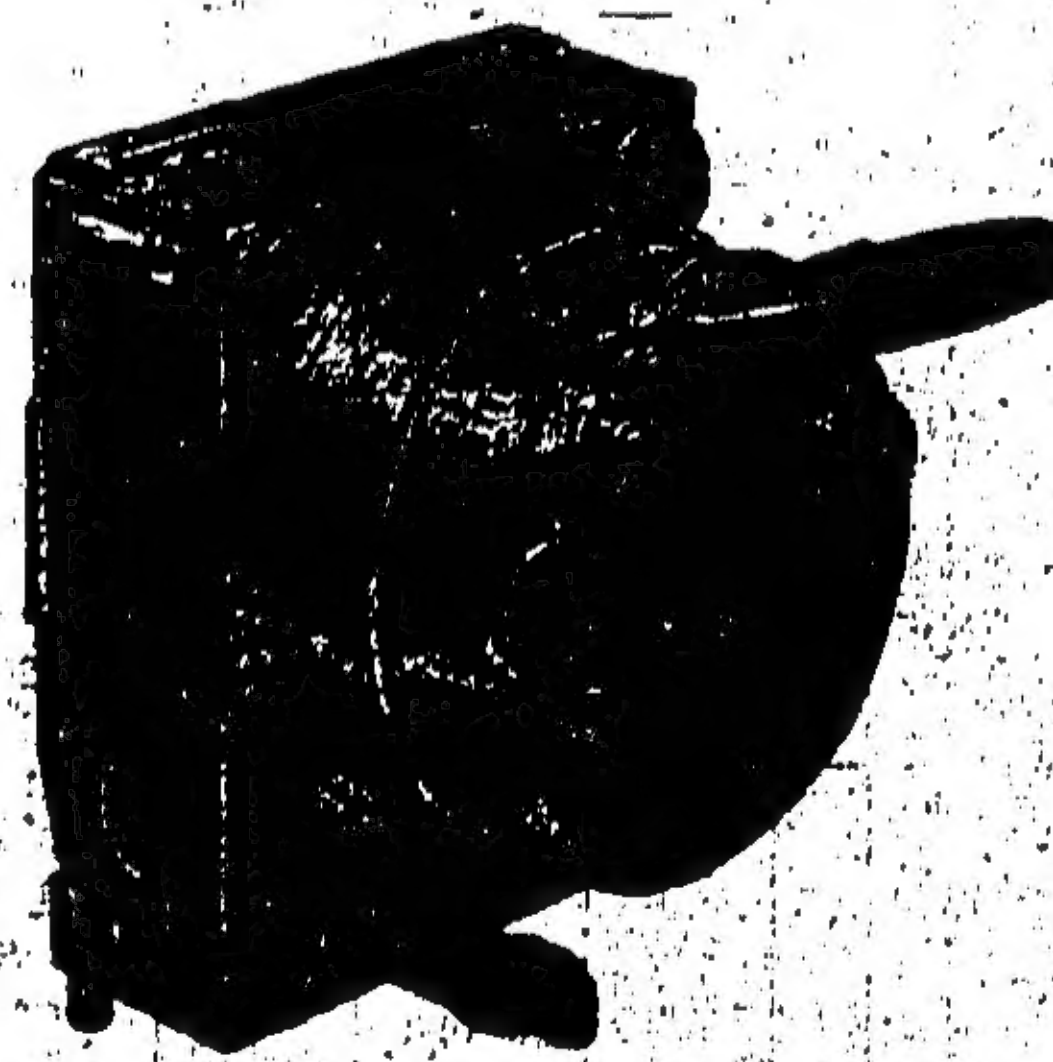
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Enemy Goods Auctioned

BARGAIN HUNTERS REWARDED

Despite keen bidding, surprisingly good bargains were obtained at an auction of a selection of German scientific instruments, X-ray apparatus, and sundries, held yesterday in the godown formerly occupied by Messrs. Schmidt and Co., Ltd. in the basement of Gloucester Building.

Medical men, government technicians, representatives from the Army and Naval dockyard, universities, factories, schools, an agent for a Chungking buyer, chemists and pharmacists, participated in the bidding.

First to go under the hammer was a lot of German patent medicines, with a starting bid of \$5.00. This finally went to a Chinese doctor for \$180. Six student's Leitz microscopes, were sold at \$105, \$150, \$180, \$17, \$100, and \$150.

REAL VALUE

A thermohygraph valued at \$40, was the day's outstanding bargain. This was sold for \$301. Double value was received for a microtone complete, which went for \$400, and other articles sold were an analytical balance and set of weights \$480; a Louis Schopper apparatus for the testing of textiles \$420; an X-ray apparatus \$275; a graphoscope with fluorescent screen and accessories \$110; an Undala Duplex Shortwave Diathermy apparatus (for localized heat treatment) \$136; one Silverite Gas Plant, electric driven; 50 burners; \$400; one portable X-ray machine (minus tube) \$32; one X-ray transformer \$18; 13 motor car tyre pumps \$29; one paste mixer \$48; one plant with 3 ball mills of 1.5 liters capacity each, complete with motor of 220 v. A.C. and starter on wooden case \$200; one regulating 100-220 v. transformer \$41; one lot of sundries for X-ray machine \$28; one X-ray apparatus \$87; one cylinder containing 40 cu. ft. Hydrogen gas with regulating valve and cylinder stand \$45; one electrical distilling apparatus \$55; and one monolamp with regulating transformer \$85. Much chemical glass-ware went under the hammer at very low prices, including five driving belts for a dental machine for a mere 25 cents!

NOT FAST ENOUGH

Chased by three Indian constables, a Chinese named Chan Sze, 23, did not succeed in escaping with a parcel of money he snatched from a woman named Kong Mui-yuk in a Kowloon street on Tuesday, and he was arrested and charged at Kowloon Court yesterday. He was sentenced to two months' hard labour. The parcel contained about \$500 in Chinese currency.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

WM. POWELL, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that the thirty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Registered Office of the Company, 6, Des Voeux Road, Central on Tuesday, 28th May, 1940 at 12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 29th February, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Book of the Company will be closed from the 15th May, 1940 to 28th May, 1940, both dates inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board.

W. L. ALEXANDER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1940.

IN THE SUPREME
COURT OF
HONG KONG.ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.
MISC. PROC. NO. 30 OF 1940.IN THE MATTER of
Hongkong Estates, Limited
and
IN THE MATTER of the
Companies Ordinance 1932.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition, presented to the Supreme Court of Hong Kong on the 3rd day of May, 1940 for confirming the reduction of capital of the above mentioned Company from \$2,000,000 divided into 10,000 Preference shares of \$100 each and 10,000 Ordinary Shares of \$100 each to \$1,600,000 by cancelling 4,000 of the said Preference shares and by issuing to the holders of such shares Debentures for \$400,000 carrying interest at 4% per annum, is directed to be heard before His Honour Sir Alasdair Duncan Atholl MacGregor, Kt., on the 14th day of June, 1940, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. Any creditor or shareholder of the Company desiring to oppose the making of an order for reduction of the capital of the said Company under the above Ordinance should appear at the time of the hearing by himself or his Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the Petition will be furnished to any creditor or shareholder of the Company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charges for the same.

Dated the 15th day of May, 1940.

JOHNSON, STOKES &
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Fifty-Ninth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 8th May, to the 2nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON &
CO., LTD.,
General Agents.

Hong Kong, 1st May, 1940.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 20th day of May, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Argyle Street, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant), will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Lot No. 4277	Argyle Street, adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4267	As per sale plan	About 12,600	138	8,600

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	Lot No. 3702	Castle Peak Road & Fat Teung Street, Cheung Sha Wan	As per sale plan	About 14,700	204	11,000

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant), will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	Lot No. 4278	South-west of Eikon Inland Lot No. 1800, In Heung Road, To Kwa Wan	As per sale plan	About 3,750	68	2,700

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THE INDO-CHINA STEAM
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LIMITED.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING.

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 18th June inclusive.

By order of the Board.
JARDINE, MATHESON &
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General Managers,
Hong Kong, 16th April, 1940.

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AN UNGRATEFUL
FELLOW

Appearing before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court yesterday, charged with the theft of \$201 Hongkong currency and \$65 Chinese money and various gold articles, Lam Cheung, 24, unemployed, was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

The defendant was a friend of one of the foks employed by Wong Lee-fat, 72-year-old proprietor of a shop at No. 8, Bonham Strand West. He was invited to live at the shop premises and on the day in question he stole the key from Wong and opened the safe.

The money and articles were all recovered.

UNREGISTERED
FACTORY

The management of the Kwong Chow Electro-plating Co. at Shaukwai, was fined \$200 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court yesterday.

Mr. Phillips, factory inspector, said that the defendant opened a factory without registration with the authorities. The defendant, said Mr. Phillips, was an owner of two or three factories and should be fully conversant with the necessity of registration.

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Capitulation
By Holland

THE NEWS that the Dutch armies had decided to lay down their arms, and end their resistance against the German invaders came as a surprise not only to the world in general, but to the people of Holland as well, according to the cable reports announcing the surrender. The position has undoubtedly been rendered grave by this decision, but there is not the slightest ground either for taking an over-pessimistic attitude over this development or to conclude that the Nazi war machine has inflicted anything in the nature of a serious blow to Allied resistance. It is regrettable, but it is also true, that the Netherlands Government is mostly to blame for having allowed the country to be placed in the position in which it finds itself today. Ever since the outbreak of the hostilities in Europe, the Netherlands and Belgium had reason to fear that their security and independence were menaced by her formidable Nazi neighbour. Very frequently, during the past few months, there were periods of tension which made Nazi intentions towards the Low Countries perfectly clear. Both Belgium and the Netherlands immediately set about strengthening their defences, and both expressed their determination to defend their neutrality.

THE WORD neutrality in this major war which has involved Europe, however, has been distorted and twisted to such incredible proportions that adherence to its principles began to become farcical. Herr Hitler in his cold-blooded way horrified the world by his callous disregard for all such pledges given in the meaning of the word. There were even flagrant breaches of neutral pledges by others of the Totalitarian bloc and the Democracies alone continued to abide by this rigid code, even though it has proved to their disadvantage. The Netherlands has been one of those whose ever-strict observance of neutrality codes proved her undoing. With threats of invasion of her territory by the Nazi hordes ever imminent, she steadfastly refrained from enlisting any form of material or economic assistance. The Allied Governments, certainly made repeated offers of help and even endeavoured to draw the Netherlands and Belgium into the orbit of the Democratic states, which had joined together in a military alliance to defeat the Nazi terror in Europe. The Netherlands Government, however, in an attempt to preserve a perfectly impartial attitude, declined these gestures and even went to the extent of adopting a similar stand where her immediate neighbour Belgium.

THE CONSEQUENCES of this policy have now become apparent and those optimists in the Netherlands who fondly hoped that promises given by Herr Hitler to respect their neutrality would not be broken must have been bitterly disillusioned when the invasion of the Low Countries was launched at the end of last week. There is, however, no reason for despondency. The gallant Belgian troops, with whom the Allied forces have made contact, have shown that they are able to repeat, with even greater

Neutrals At The Cross Roads

BY S. I. HSIUNG

Author: "Lady Precious Stream"
You all know about our tyrant, Ch'in Shih Huang Ti, the First Emperor of the Ch'in Dynasty. He built the famous Great Wall. He also burned most of our classical books and actually buried alive many scholars. However, before he conquered the whole country, Ch'in was but one of seven warring States. Though they were on more or less equal footing with each other, Ch'in was obviously the most powerful and aggressive of the seven. The remaining six States, feeling the pressure of their aggressive neighbour, decided to stand together in a solid block against their common foe. For a few years Ch'in could do no mischief to any of them, for, if he attacked one, all the others would come to the rescue.

SEIZED CHANCE

Unfortunately these other six States soon became jealous of each other, and Ch'in immediately seized the opportunity. She singled out the State of Chu, the most powerful of the Allies, as her first victim. She said that she wanted to be on friendly terms with Chu, but that Chu must sever her relations with her neighbour State of Ch'i. This Chu did, and Ch'in immediately went to Ch'i, offering to be her friend now that she had been cut off by Chu. She then picked a quarrel with Ch'u, as nobody would now offer the traitor any assistance, Ch'u was completely defeated, and thus one by one, Ch'in conquered all the six States.

Though this is history of more than two thousand years ago, the same principle applies to the conditions of Europe today. If all the countries menaced by Germany had acted wisely, and stood for collective security, perhaps there would have been no war. Evidently England and France have learned their lesson. Recently M. Reynaud, the French Prime Minister, came to London to attend with the British authorities, the sixth session of the Supreme War Council. After the meeting, they issued a statement establishing their principles: first, that the two Governments will entertain no proposals for an armistice or for a treaty of peace except by mutual agreement; secondly, that such agreement presupposes an effective and lasting guarantee of their security; and lastly, that after the war they will continue their community of action until that guarantee is firmly and unassailably operative.

MORE EFFECTIVE BLOCKADE

When Germany was fighting the Allies in 1914-18, she was fighting against almost the whole world. The blockade was more effective then because she had far fewer neutrals to trade with. Now she has more sources of supply.

vehemence, their heroic performance in the last world war. At the moment of writing, repeated onslaughts of the Nazi juggernaut are being gallantly held off in Belgian territory, and one can at least feel certain that the chances of the Belgians following the example of their Dutch comrades are very remote. In the meantime, the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands will continue to function from London, where it has moved with Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina. The overseas possessions, which form part of the Netherlands Kingdom, will be unaffected by what has happened in the motherland and their administration will continue as usual under Dutch sovereignty. That there will be repercussions of this capitulation in other parts of the world cannot be doubted. The future is pregnant with the gravest possibilities and reactions may take place with equal suddenness and cause a further extension of the war zone, even to the Middle East and the Far East. Will this serve as a lesson to the only other, strong democracy in the west—the United States of America—to sit up and take more attention of what is taking place and the likely threat to her own peace and security? Will what has happened in the Netherlands draw the other small neutral powers in Europe into one strong wall of resistance with the Allies against totalitarian aggression? Fortents will not be wanting in the days ahead and meanwhile, once again, the world watches and waits.

To be a small neutral neighbouring Germany is to be in a very difficult position. If you refuse her demands flatly, you may be invaded immediately. And if you comply with all her demands, there will be two possible results. One is that the Allies may take some action against you, and the other is that you may help Germany to win the war, thus making for yourself a much more powerful and aggressive neighbour.

Mr. Winston Churchill, the First Lord of the Admiralty, and perhaps the ablest statesman of his time, also pointed out the pure neutrals played in the present conflict when he broadcast recently. He went so far as to say that it might have been a very short war—perhaps there might have been no war—if all the neutral States who shared the Allies' convictions upon fundamental matters had stood together.

INTENSIFICATION OF WAR

Mr. Churchill also talked about the possibility of the intensification of the war. Some observers think that the Allies may soon take the initiative. The Americans especially hold this view. It is true that no very severe fighting on land, on sea or in the air has yet taken place since the war started, but there are several reasons for this. The Germans, hurriedly transporting their forces from the Polish campaign to the Western front, welcomed a little respite. The Allies, not fully prepared for war, certainly wanted to take their time. During the first six months time has definitely been an aid to the Allies. But, as Mr. Churchill said, time is a changeable ally. It only helps those who know how to use it.

ALLIES ACCUSED

Recently there was another interesting and important speech which you must have read, or at least heard about. M. Molotov, Soviet Premier and Foreign Commissar, made a speech at the Supreme Soviet in Moscow. Though he accused the Allies of what he called "unfriendly acts," he declared that Russia would not participate in a big war, nor be an instrument of alien policy, but would pursue an independent attitude.

When Herr Hitler met Signor Mussolini at the Brenner Pass rumours went around to the effect that Herr Hitler was proposing that Signor Mussolini, M. Stalin and himself should join hands and divide Europe between them. Many people were rather nervous about that. I suggested that a little cool-headedness would prove to be much better than jumping into nervous conclusions. And now M. Molotov's speech has more than justified my views.

CHOPATEE AND
CURRY IN
FRANCEIndian Officer's
Broadcast

Major Mohamed Akbar Khan, an Indian officer now serving with a transport unit in France, made the following broadcast from Davenport:

I hope I will not disappoint you that there is anything mythical about India. India is just like other countries with its own problems and I will give you my own story which is typical of modern India.

I joined up as a trooper in a cavalry regiment. At that time a cavalry man had to provide his own horse and uniform, and had to be introduced into the regiment on the proposal of another member of the regiment, just as you join clubs.

The proposer had to guarantee the proposed man's behaviour. The highest rank a man could reach was Honorary Captain on retirement, but now His Majesty's Government gives the King's Commission and I am now a major under the King's Commission.

SAME SYSTEM

Moreover, the system of recruitment, clothing, equipment, etc., are just the same as that of the British soldier, perhaps with very minor differences to suit Indian conditions.

You will, no doubt, like to hear something about Indian soldiers in France.

Well, they are just plain soldiers like the English, Canadian, Australian or New Zealand soldiers. It is true we have come here from a hot country and you may, therefore, imagine that the cold weather in France would have given us some trouble. This is not the case at

EUROPEAN
Y. M. C. A.
AMATEUR
DRAMATICSSUCCESSFUL YEAR
REPORTED

A highly successful and profitable year was reported at the annual meeting of the European Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Club, held last night.

Mr. A. W. Ingram was in the chair, supported by Messrs. W. H. E. Colledge (hon. secretary) and A. J. C. Taylor (hon. treasurer).

In his report, Mr. Colledge said "London Wall," superbly cast and produced by Mr. Starbuck in April last year, was of such a high standard that it made dramatic presentations by the Y.M.C.A. A.C.D. a feature of the colony's entertainments.

Owing to the political situation last year, considerable embarrassment was caused to selectors of casts for last year's productions, but after much difficulty and many setbacks, the pantomime, "Sir Baba," was produced by Major W. D. B. Wood in December.

MUCH CRITICISM

"The pantomime has been criticised in many ways, chiefly based on comparison with other pantomimes, but the injustice of such criticism is made clear when it is realised that the calls for national service during this period practically denuded the A.C.D. of suitable talent that has been such a characteristic feature of previous productions," said Mr. Colledge.

"Words cannot convey the debt of gratitude that is due to those stalwarts who kept going when things looked so black, and to Mrs. Millard, Lt. Gallaway and Miss Daisy O'Keefe."

Ian Hay's "Housemaster" was produced in January, and was an unparalleled success. The Committee of the A.C.D. was very pleased to be able to forward a cheque for \$500 to the British War Organisation Fund.

The secretarial side of the A.C.D. had been greatly assisted by a conscientious committee of nine members, which met at frequent intervals. During the year, Mr. Greenberg and Capt. Petherick resigned, owing to pressure of work, their places being taken by Mr. Eastgate and Mr. Anderson. Mr. Starbuck tendered his resignation last month on going home on long leave.

PROFIT SHOWN

Mr. Taylor, honorary treasurer, said that all productions during the year showed a profit. By arrangement with the Directors of the Y.M.C.A., which undertook to make good any deficit arising from productions, the profit would go to the Y.M.C.A.

After general discussion, it was decided to stage a play in the autumn and a pantomime at Christmas, the arrangements to be left to the incoming Committee, which was then elected as follows:—Messrs. Colledge, Taylor, Spence-Laye, Eastgate, Wood and Kirby.

some of the men have come from parts of India where there is snow and we have had no casualties.

I use that word as it is a fitting word to describe that we have had no losses by illness, accident, enemy action etc. Our billets are quite comfortable and warm and even cosy. We have plenty to eat, really more than enough and we have our Indian food—chopatees, something which resembles large pancakes, and real Indian curry, not the sort of curry which is usually served away from India.

We have our own Indian cooks and excellent warm clothing. We also have a gramophone and as we brought our Indian records, we enjoy this Indian music. We also have a radio set, but have so far not been able to pick up any Indian music.

FRIENDLINESS

The thing which has impressed us most is the friendliness with which we have been received by the British and French comrades. One instance of this was when we went to see a football match. The men bought two franc tickets, but as soon as the French soldiers saw us, they took us to the twenty franc seats, saying that we were their guests.

Let me assure you that we shall carry on the efficiency of our forerunners in the last war.

Sixty-cases of tuberculosis, two of dysentery, eight of cerebrospinal fever, two of measles, and one case of enteric fever and scarlet fever, were reported to the Health Authorities for the 24 hours ended at midnight on May 14.

NAZI ADVANCE GUARDS REACH THE MEUSE

French And Belgian Troops Resisting Stoutly

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter)—The Germans have made rapid progress with a large force and armoured columns in the Ardennes region in Belgium.

They have been opposed by French cavalry and Belgian Chasseurs but, late Monday afternoon, the German advance guards reached the Meuse at a number of points.

Further, German forces continued to arrive throughout the night and they have probably now reached the river at all crossing points.

The spearhead of the German drive in this region is towards Sedan. Most of their armoured units have been directed towards Sedan.

These met the French advance units on Monday near Sedan and there was an extremely sharp engagement.

Not War Of Imperialism, Says Blum

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter)—M. Leon Blum, French Socialist leader, was given an enthusiastic welcome when he addressed the Labour Conference at Bourne-mouth today.

As he walked to the platform the assembly sang La Marseillaise and loud cheers greeted him from everyone present, except three delegates.

M. Blum said neutrals and American friends must realise that the only obstacle to Hitler's domination of the world was Allied resistance.

He denied that this was an imperialistic war and said, "I do not know what will happen to imperialism if Germany won but I know what will happen to socialism if Hitler triumphs."

BRUSSELS TRANSMITTER BOMBED

BRUSSELS, May 15 (Reuter)—The radio here has been silent since 3 a.m. and, according to news received in Belgian circles in London, the transmitter outside Brussels has been bombed and is now out of action though the radio is believed to be intact.

It is hoped that the service will be resumed shortly. Meanwhile, the B.B.C. is radiating statements in French and Flemish, on behalf of the Belgian service.

BELGIANS TAKE UP NEW POSITIONS

BRUSSELS, May 15 (Reuter)—Yesterday's communiqué stated: "During the night of May 13, Belgian forces took up, in good order without suffering any losses, new defence positions in accordance with the plan of operations."

"They are supported by the Allied armies. At Namur our troops are strongly resisting the violent attacks of mechanised troops supported by aerial bombardment."

"During yesterday, Belgian motorised units and cavalry corps fought a brilliant engagement in the region of Gette."

ENEMY DRIVEN BACK

PARIS, May 15 (Reuter)—A communiqué issued today says in central Belgium enemy tanks attacked towards the end of the day in the region of Jamboux. We counter-attacked and drove the enemy back.

On the Meuse, from Mur to the junction of the Chiers (in the region of Longwy), the enemy intensified his efforts and a battle is going on.

Our aviation and the R. A. F. acting in complete co-operation, continue to intervene very vigorously.

There is nothing to report on the rest of the front.

NAZI CLAIMS

BERLIN, May 15 (Reuter)—A communiqué issued today states: "The main German air operations yesterday consisted of attacking enemy lines of communications."

"Enemy attempts to prevent German fighting activity by the use of strong air forces were defeated with heavy losses to the enemy. At one point alone over 70 British and French fighter and bomber craft were shot down."

"The enemy's total air losses on May 15 were over 200 planes. Thirty-five of our machines are missing."

The German units were backed by low flying aircraft and artillery.

The secondary German drive is being made towards Dinant.

ENEMY REPULSED

PARIS, May 15 (Reuter)—Today's communiqué says:

"In Belgium north of the Meuse we continued our advance movements and our organisation according to plan."

"The enemy has attacked our actual front at two points. He was repulsed with heavy loss to his tanks."

"On the Meuse, south of Namur, the Germans attempted to cross the river at several points and fighting continues, more especially in the region of Sedan where the enemy is making a momentous effort with furious obstinacy at the expense of heavy casualties."

AIR FORCE HELPS

"German local attacks in the region of the Moselle were repulsed with losses."

"Our aviation powerfully and efficiently intervened in the battle. Moreover many aerial reconnaissance were made during the night of May 13."

"Bombing expeditions have been successfully carried out on strategic points and on military convoys."

"During these aerial encounters, 15 enemy planes have been brought down in our territory."

BATTLE OF MEUSE

PARIS, May 15 (Reuter)—The Germans are steadily battering at the whole of the 250 mile front.

The most important part of the front, according to well-informed military circles, is the Ardennes region in Belgium and the line of the Meuse.

The great battle of the Meuse can be said to have begun on Monday evening.

Tuesday will probably see the advance guard of the massive German forces attempt to cross the Meuse.

The situation in Holland is described as extremely grave.

The Germans have advanced in the Amhem region and are pushing fiercely towards Rotterdam where they may be joined by the troops who are holding out there.

SPLENDID RESISTANCE

The Dutch are still resisting strongly with splendid courage.

The most reassuring factor is that the bulk of the British and French forces are continuing to take their positions north of central Belgium without being appreciably disturbed by the enemy.

Fighting continues east of the line on which the Allied Command intends to give battle.

All day on Tuesday a great battle was waged between French and German armoured columns.

BELGIANS RETIRE

BRUSSELS, May 15 (Reuter)—Many local engagements at various points were announced by the Belgian High Command in a communiqué issued at noon today.

The Belgian troops, said the communiqué were resisting the pressure of enemy forces.

During the night, advance Belgian troops retired.

In central Belgium, the French mechanised units inflicted heavy losses on German mechanised columns south east of Trier and St. Trond.

Despite enemy claims it was by no means clear whether or not the defences of Liege had fallen.

REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE

The Allied troops had not been successfully hampered from taking up positions in north and central Belgium. They were now fighting east of the line on which the Allied Command intends to give battle.

The strong resistance put up by the Belgians when they took the first shock of the invasion had enabled the Allied forces to join up without difficulty. Reinforcements of men and material were arriving steadily, concluded the communiqué.



A group photograph taken on the occasion of the inauguration of the Shell Sports Club on the roof garden at Shell House on Tuesday last. Mrs. Bousfield, wife of Mr. J. K. Bousfield, General Manager, who is the central figure in the group, formally declared the Club opened. (King's Studio).

Position Of The Overseas Kingdom Of Netherlands Unaffected

CONSUL-GENERAL INTERVIEWED

"I have had no official message from the Netherlands Government that capitulation has taken place," said Mr. D. G. E. Middelburg, the Netherlands Acting Consul-General, when interviewed by the Hongkong Daily Press yesterday.

NO CHANGE

"What has happened, however, will not change the position of the Kingdom of the Netherlands overseas—the Netherlands East Indies, Surinam (Netherlands Guiana) and Curacao where the Governors-General and the Governors will continue the administration. The Netherlands Indies, Surinam and Curacao form, according to the Dutch constitution, as well as the Netherlands in Europe, separate parts of the Kingdom."

"The Netherlands East Indies is, of course, very important territory, as we have 65,000,000 inhabitants there, compared with the 8,000,000 inhabitants in the motherland."

"If one part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Europe is occupied by the enemy, there will be no legal consequences for the remaining parts of the Kingdom. The surrender of the Kingdom in Europe will not give the Germans any claim over the Indies."

NO AUTHORITY

"Gen. Winkelman has no authority to negotiate peace terms with Germany. He cannot bind the Government, which will continue to function in London and only the Government can do that."

"It was only on May 11 that exchange regulations came into force in the Netherlands Indies for the purpose of safeguarding the guilder. You are, of course, aware that since last September I have been in charge of German Consular interests in Hongkong and I am now waiting for another Consul to take them over from me. Of course, nominally I am no longer in a neutral position and I consider myself now one with the Allies."

AS USUAL

"I am at present in communication by cable with my home Government and the Netherlands East Indies and all I can say at the moment is that business is going on as usual as far as we are concerned here. Mr. Middelburg declined to comment on political reactions in America or in Japan consequent on the news of the surrender in Holland."

"So far," he concluded, "I have not been able to co-operate with the British War Organisation Fund but only this morning my wife has gone up to a working party to participate in this work and we consider ourselves lucky to be partners with the Allies."

CHINA WAR NEWS

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ing advances despite a torrential downpour. Areas around Tungpei have been entirely cleared of Japanese stragglers.

The Japanese suffered the heaviest casualties in the Tangho area, west of Miyang. More than 200 trucks loaded with the wounded were seen moving towards Sinyang passing through Miyang and Tungpei last week.

Reports from Shansi reveal that the Chinese have succeeded in smashing into Hellungkwan, northwest of Linfen. Street fighting is still in progress with the Japanese sustaining heavy losses. The Japanese at Yangchens, west of Tsincheng in south Shansi, made a desperate thrust eastward on May 12 without success. They are encircled.

A check-up of the Japanese losses in Fushui, on the Canton Hankow Railway, 78 miles southwest of Wuchang in south Hubei, as a result of a Chinese attack on May 11 reveals that altogether 1,300 tons of petrol and gasoline, 3,000 sacks of rice, over 200 cans of food and 300 trucks were set afire.

Dutch Queen's Message To Her People

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter)—In a broadcast from London, to the Dutch people, Queen Wilhelmina said:

"As soon as it became certain that we and our Ministers could no longer freely direct our country in Holland, we decided, much against our desire, to transfer the seat of Government abroad. As soon as the situation permits we shall return to Holland."

"The Government is now in England. Be assured that our cause will prevail. The Netherlands High Command still makes all military decisions, and local Councils must do all they can to judge what is necessary in public interest. My heart goes out to my compatriots in the Fatherland. With God's help we shall win. Remember the golden days: It will be so again. Do all you can to help our cause."

WILL RETURN SOON

Queen Wilhelmina will return to Holland as soon as possible. She spent yesterday quietly at Buckingham Palace.

GRAVE SITUATION IN HOLLAND

PARIS, May 15 (Reuter)—According to well-informed French military circles, the situation in Holland is regarded as grave, following the German advance towards Utrecht and Rotterdam. The military situation in Belgium hardly varied at all yesterday. German advance guards, after their big bound forward of nearly 100 miles, are evidently waiting for the main German forces.

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AUSTRALIA TO PROVIDE THE ANSWER

CANBERRA, May 15 (Reuter)—Mr. R. G. Menzies appealed for more recruits for Overseas service in a broadcast speech. He pointed out that Australia's home defence was more assured than a year ago, and urged the necessity for the rapid training of troops for overseas.

He declared the "enemy is not waiting and hopes we shall not be there, or be there too late. I call upon Australia to give him his answer."

Wong Kam-shui, 38, and Lo Kau, 25, two of three defendants on a charge of manslaughter of a man named Chong Kwai, 43, near the Wo Shing Wharf, Kowloon, in the early hours of April 16, were discharged by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Court yesterday for lack of sufficient evidence against them. Hearing of the case against Fong Mun, 28, seaman of cargo boat No. 140V, will be continued this afternoon.

LABOUR LEADERS NOW HOLD KEY POSTS

Great Contribution To More Vigorous War

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter)—The Times emphasises the importance of Labour joining the Government and says that the "Labour leaders now occupy the key positions that will enable a great contribution to the prosecution of the war, to be made under direct Labour leadership."

"Mr. Morrison and Mr. Ernest Bevin will know the necessity for creating an industrial labour force equal to the increasing demands of the three fighting Services and simultaneously raising them to the necessary strength in numbers and the highest efficiency in arms and equipment."

"The lives of our men and victory itself is largely in the hands of the men and women in the workshops."

IT'S COAT OFF

The Daily Mail says that "industrial Britain has taken its coat off" while the Daily Telegraph states that all our instincts demand that the Allied armies of deliverance should sweep to the revenge but in the sitting of this war that could hardly be. The enemy not only has long prepared his campaign but he also so contrived it that his opponents were not able to make similar preparations.

"It is no surprise that in the favourable conditions thus created for himself the enemy has made a substantial initial success and that already a new serious situation has been created that is very much like what had happened in the four years of the last war, for the first advancement then also failed to determine the ultimate issue."

The Daily Express says that the German advance is swifter than in 1914 but there is nothing surprising about that. In 1914 the invasion marched as fast as the bombers could walk, and now the war has wings.

BOMBER SETS PACE

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BRITAIN'S ANSWER

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and Arabs, have made declarations of loyalty to Queen Wilhelmina.

The British Indian community, in a telegram to the Governor-General, refer to "this most critical hour in the history of humanity when the madness of one man has destroyed the peace of the world and all that civilisation held sacred."

It is stated that the military authorities are making preparations to meet all eventualities.

The head offices of many Dutch firms in Holland are being transferred to the East Indies.

AIR SERVICE

It is stated the KLM European service will in future run in conjunction with Imperial Airways, the Dutch planes flying to Alexandria where passengers and goods will be transferred to British machines.

The shipping to Europe is at present at a standstill.

Norwegians Continue To Harass The Germans

ARMED PRISONERS WILL BE SHOT

PARIS, May 15 (Reuter)—The German Command in Norway announces that henceforth all prisoners taken in possession of arms will be shot, according to a Stockholm dispatch received here.

It is stated that detachments of Norwegians are continuing to harass the Germans in the neighbourhood of Kongsvinger and Roeros.

The Germans are continuing to send important reinforcements of troops and material to Norway. The Allies recently directed intense bombardment against Norvik, practically destroying the town.

Norwegian refugees believe the Germans will offer determined resistance. They have no artillery, but are being reinforced by parachutists they add.

ANOTHER JUNK ATTACKED BY JAPANESE

Another instance of an attack by Japanese naval units on a Hongkong registered fishing-junk was reported to the police yesterday by Chan Wing-kwai, 28, accountant, of cargo junk No. 3899H.

The attack occurred on April 24. The junk was in the vicinity of the San Mun Customs Station, when it was fired upon by a Japanese warship of about 3,000 tons.

A party of about 20 armed sailors came alongside, and confiscated the cargo that was being carried as well as some cannon and rifles being carried for anti-piracy protection.

The crew of the junk were then ordered into a small boat and escorted to a nearby island. The masts and sails of the junk were out and it was set adrift. The cargo stolen was valued at \$7,000.

PARIS, May 15 (Reuter)—A communiqué issued by the Ministry of National Defence last night orders all soldiers released for farming work to rejoin their units immediately.

VISCOUNT CALDECOTE AS DOMINIONS SECRETARY

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter)—The following further appointments to major positions in the Government are announced from No. 10 Downing Street:—

Secretary for Dominions: Viscount Caldecote; Secretary of State for Scotland: Mr. Ernest Brown; Minister for Aircraft Production: Lord Beaverbrook; President of the Board of Education: Mr. Herwald Ramsbotham; Minister of Economic Warfare: Dr. Hugh Dalton; Minister for Shipping: Mr. Ronald Cross; Minister for Transport: Sir John Keith; Minister for Agriculture: Mr. R. S. Hudson; Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster: Lord Hankey.

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Each successive act of political aggression on the part of Nazi Germany has helped to reveal to the world the real nature of that unscrupulous megalomania which for want of any other word to describe it, we call Hitlerism. Yet our understanding of it would be very incomplete if we saw it only from the side of political aggression. It has to be understood as a system that enslaves its own people as well as those of other nations and is as ruthless in regard to those who oppose to it as to those who offer it armed resistance. The story of its attack on religion is a history of war against freedom of conscience and it is as revealing as the story of Nazi brutality against the freedom of other nations.

In "Religion in the Reich," (Longmans, 6s. net) Mr. Michael Power has told this story, simply and dispassionately, and allowed the terrible facts to speak for themselves. He does not fail to point out points of weakness and mistakes in tactics in the case of the Christian churches, but on every page of his story there appears fresh evidence of the central fact that Hitlerism is the relentless enemy of every form of human liberty.

Nazi teaching asserts the inherent supremacy of the German race and its right to assert that domination over everything else and by every means. As such a theory is absolutely immoral. Christianity could never assent to it. When the leaders of the Christian Churches took their stand on the basic principles of Christianity, the Nazis reply was that Christianity must change, it must become German. It would only be allowed to exist if it transformed itself into a force subservient to the idea of a dominating German Reich.

BEFORE EVERY TREATY

Mr. Power tells the story of the Nazi attempt to achieve its end in face of the resistance of all that was genuine in German Christianity. First he tells of

BOLDER FRONT IN THE AIR: SHARPER BLOWS WILL BE DELIVERED

LORD HARDWICKE ASSAULTED

ROME May 15 (Reuter)—Lord Hardwicke, a friend of Bruno Mussolini, had his face slapped on Tuesday night at a cabaret show because he threw an anti-British poster off his table.

He was then detained for a couple of hours in a police station on the ground that his papers were not in order.

MARCH TO PALACE

Anti-Allied student demonstrations were also held in various provincial towns, including Milan where the Prefect appeared on the balcony of the rectory and acknowledged the cheers of the demonstrators, and at Naples where thousands of students with Italian and German flags and pictures of the King and Duke marched to the Palace of the Crown Prince cheering the House of Savoy and the Duke.

The demonstrators later sang patriotic songs outside the offices of the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy.

The fight against the German Catholics, a compact body of twenty-one millions out of a population of sixty-five millions. As a renegade Catholic, Hitler knew the opposition which he had to face and he moved skillfully. He made a Concordat with the Holy See which he broke in the same way that he broke every other treaty; he closed Catholic schools, dissolved Catholic youth and charitable organisations, muzzled the Catholic press and then after a barrage of propaganda instituted a series of trials to try to make Catholic leaders appear as "smugglers and perverts." The result was to drive the Catholic Church into the catacombs and crush it as an active force. It is noteworthy, however, that Hitler's aim of making it a subservient instrument was not attained.

The tactics were different against the Protestant churches which in three big divisions, included in all forty million members. Hitler believed, wrongly, that he could persuade the great body of Protestants to unite and form a kind of German Christianity which would make German patriotism its highest virtue. The intrigues that followed make up a pitiable story since they represent an attempt to induce two-thirds of a nation to adopt a faith which would be a mockery of all that it pretended to be. The attempt failed after it had won the support only of those who would be a credit and an asset to no religion, and its most remarkable result was to bring to the front men like Pastor Niemöller who ended his last sermon by taking his stand beside the apostles who were "glad to be counted worthy to suffer shame for Jesus' name."

LEARNED RUTHLESSNESS

The last section of the book tells of the anti-religious blitzkrieg in Austria. The Nazis had learned from their previous experience. They had learned to be ruthless. They no longer hesitated to adopt methods of open persecution—though even this was only a prelude to their violent treatment of religion in Poland.

The whole story is depressing reading, for it shows the machinery of a great state turned against something not because of anything that is evil in it, or of any abuses to which it has fallen, but precisely because of everything that it has of good. The Nazis claim not to have persecuted religion—they only had to cease to be what as religion it should be, the worship of God, not of a deified German state. Over the gate of Hitler's home in Berchtesgaden is the boast: MEINE EHRE HEISST TREU. "My Honour abides in Good Faith." It is to the credit of Christianity in Germany that it has refused to take its principles of either honour or faith from the German Fuehrer. T. F. R.

AMERICANS TO LEAVE ITALY

WASHINGTON, May 15 (Reuter)—American citizens in Italy are being warned to leave the country. Mr. Cordell Hull stated at the press conference yesterday. This represents a change in the Government's attitude towards the possibility of Italy entering the war. Mr. Sumner Welles stated ten days ago that no consideration was being given at the State Department to issue such a warning.

THE "PINCH OF SYLT" WHICH BRITISH PILOTS DROPPED ON THE TAILS OF HERMANN GOERING'S AIR FORCE WAS NO MORE TIT-FOR-TAT FOR THE ABORTIVE RAID ON SCAPA FLOW.

Recently the man who planned the bombing was awarded the post of Inspector-General of the R.A.F.—a sure indication that sharper cracks will in future be delivered against Germany.

As Inspector-General Air Chief Marshal Sir Edgar Rainey Ludlow-Hewitt succeeded Marshal of the R.A.F. Sir Edward Ellington, a meticulous executive who plays bridge in his spare time, but bids conservatively.

CLERGYMAN'S SON

A clergyman's son, Ludlow-Hewitt switched from the Royal Irish Rifles to the Royal Flying Corps in the Great War. Won the D.S.O. and M.C., and was described in dispatches as "one of the bravest and finest pilots we have."

He devised the first effective scheme for co-operation between air and artillery units, had the R.A.F. command in Iraq and India, and became Commandant of the R.A.F. Staff College.

The new Inspector-General is no textbook airman, despite a studious appearance and a passion for botany. Bold and enterprising, he has a reputation for firmness summarised in the phrase, "I've said it—and that's that."

As Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Bomber Command, a post which he held from 1937 until his new appointment, he controlled the striking force of the air fleet. He planned the Kiel, Wilhelmshaven and Hornum raids, also the repeated reconnaissances of Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland.

HIS SUCCESSOR

Sir Edgar's successor in the Bomber Command is an equally enterprising aviator. Aged 47, Air Vice-Marshal Charles Frederick Algernon Portal has more than 1,000 hours of wartime flying to his credit.

A Winchester and Oxford product, he began the last war as a Sapper, then served with the R.F.C. and was later Commander of British Forces at Aden, 1934-5. From 1937-8 he was Director of Organisation at the Air Ministry.

When the "Laurence Minor" Bombing Trophy was presented to the R.A.F. in 1927, Wing-Commander Portal's squadron was the first to get it. He occupied the bomber's position, and in the following year again released the bombs which enabled his squadron to retain the trophy.

SPECIAL BATTALIONS

Revolutionary was his proposal that special battalions of lightweight infantry should be used in co-operation with the R.A.F. Portal suggested that the units should be formed of men who fell below average height and weight requirements. They would travel by air and be used largely for internal security.

To replace him as Air Member for Personnel on the Air Council, Air Marshal Ernest Leslie Gossage, D.S.O., M.C., was last week appointed. After service in the Great War he was Air Attache in pre-Hitler days, and later became Senior Air Staff Officer in Iraq.

Air Marshal Gossage once expressed the opinion that air warfare might limit the period of a war. "It may produce a relatively quick result," he said. "If it does not, it may destroy civilisation altogether."

REPRISALS

If the appointment of these men means intensified air warfare, Britain is also preparing itself for the counter-attacks which

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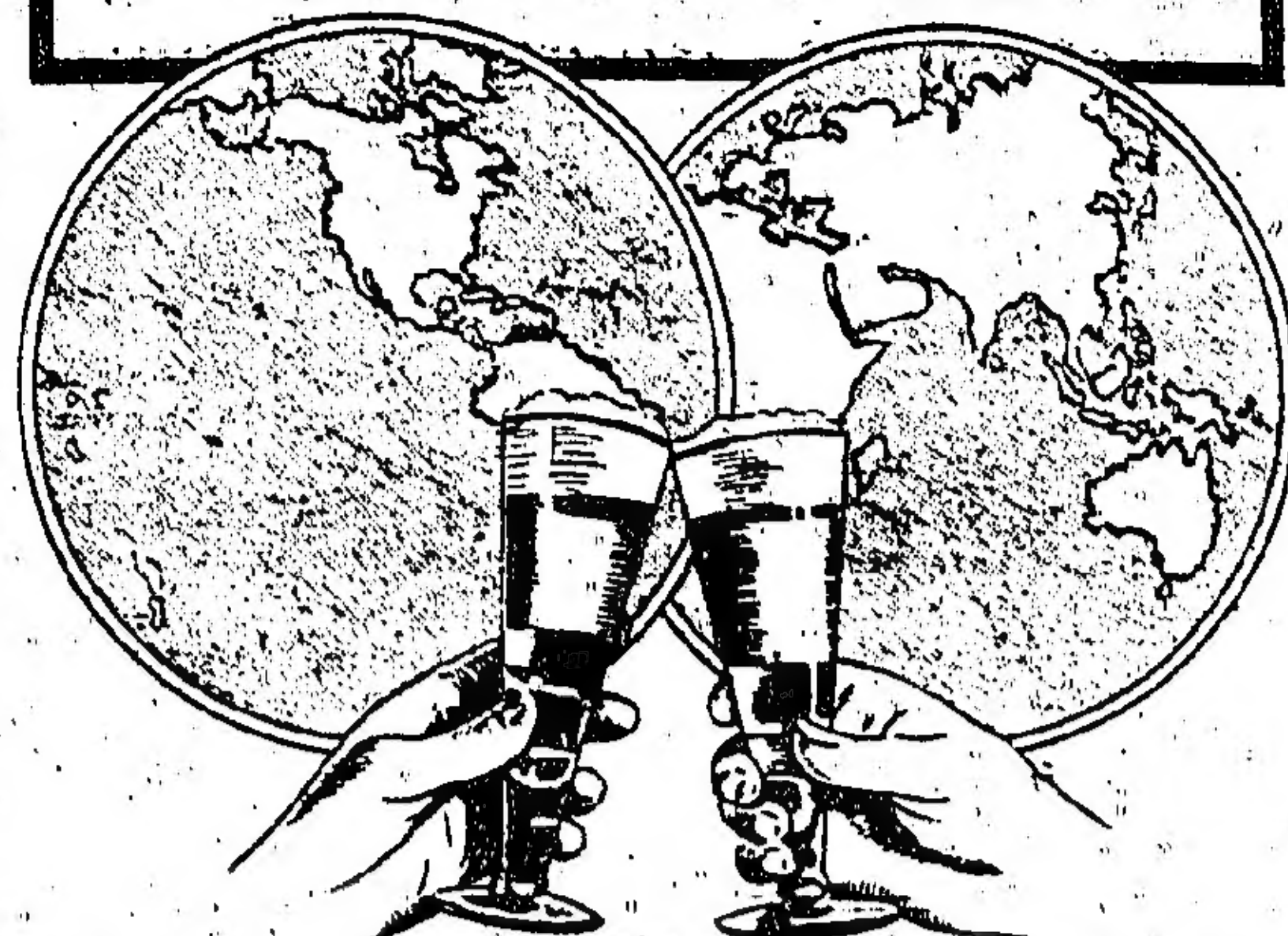
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EUROPE'S DISILLUSIONED WARRIOR

RETURNING ALONE AND TIRED TO HIS VILLA TORLONIA HOME ONE EVENING SOME YEARS AGO, Benito Mussolini decided on the spur of the moment to go into a cinema. He entered and took a seat, unrecognized. Presently, his own hammer face flashed on the screen. Everyone present stood and applauded, except Il Duce. His secret enjoyment of the demonstration was interrupted by a man behind him who leaned over and whispered: "Better stand up and clap, pal. They'll arrest you if you don't."

This incident, which is supposed to have happened early in the days of Il Duce's power, might easily have taken place again recently. Once more the Dictator was alone and tired. Italians still saluted to his face on screens, his name on walls, but there were certain new mental reservations in their reverence.

PEACE & LIBERTY

Foreign journalists in Rome received anonymous letters: "The Italians desire the end of the dictatorship which renders impossible prosperity and peace. Viva Italia! Viva la libertà!"

Each morning last week, in his monstrous office, Il Duce's heart was not cheered by the reports on the country's state of mind given him by Chief of Italian Police Arturo Bocchini.

Italy's Himmler—an efficient, courageous, unpublished butler who hangs a sign over his desk which says: "Please make it snappy"—daily reported the findings of his intricate wire-tapping, eavesdropping machine, and the sum of the findings was not to Il Duce's taste: Italians want peace.

Since the Year One (of Fascism—1922) Benito Mussolini had given his people a martial slogan: "Believe: Obey: Fight!" He hurried from naval reviews to manoeuvres at sea, from military exercises to grandiose mock campaigns on land.

WON IN BLOOD

He learned to salute like Caesar, scowl like Napoleon, wear uniforms like the Kaiser. Of all his Cabinet portfolios, his favorites were those of War, Navy, Air Force. He raised a whole generation of young Italians among them his own sons—to live dangerously, to consider pacifism a bourgeois vice, to take sensuous, esthetic pleasure from the pattern of exploding bombs and the music of gunfire.

He told them time and again that supreme neutrality is a cowardice fit only for decadent democracies.

He gave Italy an Empire, won in blood, albeit from some poor, coloured people and a handful of Adriatic hillbillies. He made his countrymen feel that Spain's victory was Italy's. He held out the Axis to his people as a double-bladed fates which would cut a big place in the sun for Italy.

DISILLUSIONED

By last week Benito Mussolini was a thoroughly disillusioned warrior. The first step in the process of his disappointment was the frenzied joy with which Italians greeted him back from Munich—a far more spontaneous ovation than any military triumph had ever earned him.

On the Piazza Venezia balcony that day he made no martial speech, but said only: "You wanted peace. I have brought you peace." Then turned gloomily and went indoors. Next came the German-Russian Pact, which he was not told about until the last minute and which at one slap put down any extravagant hopes Il Duce may have reposed in his partnership with Adolf Hitler.

COLONY HEALTH RETURNS

A total of 138 cases of tuberculosis, with 89 deaths, were reported to the Health Authorities for the week-ended at midnight on May 11.

During the same period there were 27 cases (10 deaths) of dysentery, one of puerperal fever, 10 (nine deaths) of cerebro-spinal fever, two of chicken-pox, eight (three deaths) of measles, 10 (four deaths) of enteric fever, one of scarlet fever, nine (two deaths) of diphtheria and five (three deaths) of small-pox.

TO-DAY In Every City on THE GLOBE



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GERMAN AGGRESSION ON DENMARK AND NORWAY

ON TUESDAY LAST AT 6 P.M. THE LOCAL BROADCASTING STATION Z.E.K. BROADCAST A PAPER IN CHINESE BY THE EMINENT CHINESE SCHOLAR DR. S. I. HSUNG, AUTHOR OF "LADY PRECIOUS STREAM."

Dr. Hsiung is one of the best known modern Chinese writers and has translated quite a number of well-known works into Chinese. He quoted Benjamin Franklin in his paper on Hitler's "blitzkrieg" on Denmark and Norway. The famous philosopher's autobiography was rendered into Chinese by Dr. Hsiung some 20 years ago to form part of "The Complete Library," published by the Commercial Press.

HITLER'S "REASON"
Dr. Hsiung said, in part:—Herr Hitler must thank his stars for being a "reasonable creature." He can always invent a reason for all the unreasonable things he does. Now, after Norway has been maintaining her neutrality—and under great difficulties, too—for more than seven months, he has invaded that country without any reason. Oh, no, excuse me, I was wrong!

Herr Hitler has invented a reason, as he always does. He said that he did this because the Allies had laid mines in Norwegian waters. He sent his army to Norway to protect Norwegian territorial integrity! This "reason" sounded all right, but unfortunately the Norwegians did not want his "protection." Neither did the Poles nor the Czechs want his "protection." He is so generous that he forces his favours on others!

THE REAL REASON
The real reason for Germany's invasion of Norway was probably that she wanted to have direct access to the Swedish iron ore, most of which had to pass through Norway. Since the blockade started, nearly half of Germany's sources of supply of ore had been cut. The remaining half came chiefly from Sweden by way of Norway. The determination of the Allies to tighten the blockade—and particularly to prevent Swedish iron ore from reaching Germany by Norwegian territorial waters—made Herr Hitler take this desperate step. And then there will be the difficult problem of sending regular supplies to the German troops in occupation. These would have to go by sea, and the British Navy, which is the strongest in

the world, would have an easy target, as we have already seen. But we shall see how things develop. The invasion of Denmark was made without even an excuse. It is obvious that Germany has taken Denmark so as to get at the Danish food supplies. Denmark has been an exporter of great quantities of bacon, butter, eggs, cheese, condensed milk and other tinned foods. By her trade pact with Britain, which was concluded recently, Denmark was going to limit her supply of food to Germany to a very small quantity. It was understood that Denmark consented to this arrangement because she needed feeding stuffs from abroad for her live stock. If she refused to comply with the requirements of the Allies, she could never get all this feeding stuff through the intensified blockade. Germany has occupied Denmark all right; Germany has control of Danish food all right. But how can she get the feeding stuff for the live stock?

STRATEGIC ERROR
However, Herr Hitler's occupation of Denmark and some parts of Norway has proved to be far from a mortal blow to the British people. They share the opinion of Mr. Churchill, who considers that Herr Hitler has committed a grave strategic error in extending the war so far and forcing the Scandinavian people out of their attitude of neutrality. Now the British Navy can take whatever they want from the Norwegian coast, which will increase enormously the efficiency of the blockade.

Because of the German occupation of Denmark, which has rendered the latter country powerless to control her properties, the British Navy has taken over the Faroe Islands which belong to Denmark—a strategic point of great importance for the duration of the war. These islands are about 200 miles to the North West of the Shetland Islands, and would serve as an excellent base for the Navy far out into the North.

POWER POLITICS IN S.E. EUROPE

The European peace pipe, whose coal had been kept fitfully glowing for a month, while Mr. Sumner Welles made his reportorial rounds, had never been cooler than it was during Easter.

DREADED FUTURE
On Easter Sunday in Rome Pope Pius XII not only spoke mournfully of "this critical moment when sorrowful things appear to the eyes of all," but foresaw "even more dreadful things" for the future.

Action was wanted in France, and so the Daladier Cabinet fell. Action was wanted in Britain, and the press put increasing pressure on Prime Minister Chamberlain to form a five-man War Cabinet, with Activist Winston Churchill as lord of land, sea and air forces. The Allies were apparently coming to the conclusion that a "war of limited liability" had become a liability. If the next move were up to them, which way?

HITLER'S KNACK
Herr Hitler, as he proved in his seizures of Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland, has a great knack of doing his grabbing where the western powers cannot get hold of him. The Axis still protects his southern frontier. Russia's eastern frontier. The Westwall guards his western frontier and the fall of Finland has made him safe from attack in the north. His vulnerable quarter is the southeast.

Hitter obviously would like to cover up the Balkan ingress, and a possible way for him to do so is by persuading Italy to join Germany and Russia in forming a protective horseshoe around the Balkans, guaranteeing them against war—and perhaps divvying them up at leisure.

RUMOURS FLY
Following the meeting at Brennero, rumours flew through Berlin that Russia's Molotov would soon go there for a meeting with Italy's Ciano. Hungary's Premier Count Paul Teleki rushed to Rome to make sure that Hungary's claims on Rumania were considered in any plan to change the Balkan status quo. The Italian press proceeded to play Hitler's game by accusing the Allies of trying to shift the

war to the Balkans and the French Ambassador Andre Francois-Poncet hurried home to Paris to confer with his Government. Still the balance of power in Europe seemed to be held by Mussolini.

While Berlin waited for Molotov to appear (and Moscow denied he was going), Germany's Dr. Karl Coudius was in Bucharest pressing Rumania for more oil—and reinforcing his arguments with showings of hair-raising motion pictures of the German conquest of Poland.

In the face of this pressure and of the danger that his country might be partitioned among Russia, Germany and Hungary if he refused to play ball, King Carol showed guts. He expelled a British Reuters correspondent, who filed a story that Germany had delivered an ultimatum to Rumania announcing that a Rumanian trade delegation would go to London this month. Air-raid drills were in all parts of the country. But the King was nervous. He made a speech saying that he was anxious to keep the peace—especially with his near neighbours.

ALLIED MEASURES
Meanwhile, the Allied Near Eastern Army of 800,000 was standing by. London made it clear that any aggression in the Balkans would be met with force, this time whether the aggressor asked for help or not.

In Boston, French Ambassador to the U.S. Count Rene Doyne de Saint-Quentin was even more specific.

Said he: "If any other country is attacked by Russia we will move against the Soviet at once." In Europe's state of mind last week, the question was not when Germany would act, but whether Germany would have a chance to act first.

NEW GOVERNORS CONGRATULATED

CHUNGKING, May 15 (Central)—Congratulatory messages are pouring into Chungking from various Chinese quarters to Generals Wan Fu-lin, Tsou Tso-hua, Ma Chan-shan and Cio Cheng-liu on their appointment as Gov-

Finance and Commerce

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

The morning was very quiet. **SELLERS**
Docks Rts. \$41.
SALES
H.K. Banks, \$1470.80.
Star Ferries, \$93.
China Lights (Old), \$71.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Wednesday, May 15, 1940
China Lights (O) 1,000 \$ 7.50
Star Ferries 40 83.00
H.K. Banks 10 1,460.00
China Providents 1,000 4.00
500 4.00
500 4.05
500 4.00

The total value is \$34,645.00.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter)—Appealing for men to join the local defence volunteers, Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary of War, in a broadcast referred to the German practice of dropping parachute troops behind the main defence lines in Holland and Belgium, and said the danger to Britain from this particular menace, although it no doubt existed, should not be exaggerated.

They were confident the Government's measures would be effective but in order to leave nothing to chance, and to get supplement from sources hitherto untapped, means of defence have already been arranged and they now wanted large numbers of men between the ages of 17 and 65 to offer their services in the new force.

FUNDS FOR RELIEF WORK

CHUNGKING, May 15 (Reuter)—With the approval of the Executive Yuan the National Relief Commission has appropriated \$1,000,000 each to Kwangtung and Kwangsi as a rehabilitation-relief fund. Each of the two provinces has already received \$300,000 as an emergency relief fund from the Commission.

Mr. Sun Ya-fu, Secretary-General of the Central Relief Fund Committee, is leaving Chungking for Kweilin by plane today to confer with the Kwangtung and Kwangsi provincial authorities on rehabilitation measures.

After the negotiations in Kweilin, Mr. Sun will proceed to Hunan, Kiangsi, Anhwei, and Chekiang to inspect relief centres.

ITALIAN BANK PREPARES

CAIRO, May 15 (Reuter)—The civil inhabitants of the frontier towns in the Western Desert are being evacuated where necessary. The Military Governor has ordered the reservists of the army and navy, now on the retired list, to hold themselves in readiness for instant recall. The leading Italian Bank in Alexandria has paid its employees two months salary in advance. Reinforcement of the fleet in Alexandria by British and French warships continues.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory.

10 a.m. May 15.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.80 ins.

Temperature, 83 F.

Humidity, 76 per cent.

Wind Direction, WSW

Wind Force (Beaufort), 3

Temperature: maximum yesterday, 87 F.

Temperature: minimum last night, 79 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 23.98 ins.

Against an average of, 15.45 ins.

Sunset tonight, 6.56 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 5.43 a.m.

4 p.m., May 15.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.73 ins.

Temperature, 83 F.

Humidity, 79 per cent.

Wind Direction, SW/S.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.

Maximum temperature, 88 F.

Minimum temperature, 79 F.

Rainfall, nil.

errors of Liaoning, Kirin, Heilungkiang and Jehol provinces.

Among the latest received are those from the Tangshan Engineering College of the Chiao Tung University and the Northeastern

Natives' Guild.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

WED. 15. MAY.

Buyers Sellers Sales Nominal

Bank

H.K. Banks \$1480

Do. (Col. Reg.) \$89

Chartered Bank \$291

Mercantile Bank \$231

Bank of East Asia \$218

M. C. & S. Bank \$74

Insurance

Canton Insurance \$230

Union Insurance \$480

Underwriters \$70 cts

H.K. Fire \$175

Shipping

Do. \$112

Indo-China (Prof.) \$100

Indo-China (Dist.) \$120

Shells \$5/8

Waterworks \$6.90

Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.

H.K. & S. Wharves \$4.30

Provident (new) \$4

H.K. Docks C. R.T.S. \$21

H.K. Docks N. R.T.S. \$19

do R.T.S. \$6.40

Shanghai \$70

Mining

Kailash \$19/0

Banks \$9.50

Venezuela Gold Fide \$6 cts

Hong Kong Mines \$4.35

Lands, Hotels and Buildings

H.K. Lands \$36

Do. 4% Debenture \$100

Shanghai Lands \$14.80

H.K. Realities \$4.40

Humphreys \$7.90

Chinese Saloons \$104

Cotton Mills \$68

Sew. (S.) \$240

Shai Cotton (S.) \$240

Long Shai (S.) \$120

Wing On Textile (S.) \$17.20

Public Utilities

Tramways \$8

Peak Tram (old) \$63

Peak Tram (new) \$22.85

Star Ferries \$7

Yamat Ferries \$7.65

Do. (new) \$4

China Lights (O) \$4.30

China Lights (New) \$31.10

China Lights Rta. \$112

H.K. Electric \$10.20

Sancho Lights \$14.30

Telephone (old) \$12

Telephone (new) \$17

Tramways (new) \$10.20

Tramways (old) \$23/0

Industries

Cald. Mag. (Ord.) \$1

Cald. Mag. (Pref.) \$1

Ocean Loss \$17

Ropes \$9.55

Miscellaneous

Dairy Farm \$21

Dairy Farm \$7.30

Ch. S. S. S. S. \$12

Ch. S. S. S. S. \$1

Ch. S. S. S. S. \$2

Ch. S. S. S. S. \$2.30

Ch. S. S. S. S. \$9.15

Ch. S. S. S. S. \$47

Ch. S. S. S. S. \$103

Ch. S. S. S. S. \$97

Ch. S. S. S. S. \$39

Ch. S. S. S. S. \$8

Ch. S. S. S. S. \$13/5

Ch. S. S. S. S. \$4/3

Ch. S. S. S. S. \$7.30

Ch. S. S. S. S. \$10

Ch. S. S. S. S. \$11

Ch. S. S. S. S. \$11

Ch. S. S. S. S. \$11

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS SERVICE)

London, May 14.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red after 1952) 99

Canton-K'loon Rly. 5% 12

Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 50

1898 (Brit. Issue) 48

Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47 48

Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908 48

Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912 20

Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.) 30

Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers) 9

Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan 60

Homan Rly. 5% 12

Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 16

Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue) 13

Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913 11

Shai-N'King Rly. 5% 17

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.) 11

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.) 11

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 11

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 11

Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1907 38 1/2

Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924 44

Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924 61

Chartered Bank 94

H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.) 89

H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.) 91

Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer) 19

Chosen Corporation 6/8

Pekin Syndicate 2

Shai Elec. Constr. Co. 15

Shai Waterworks "A" 15

Union Insurance 28

Gula Kalumpung Rubber 18 1/2

Allied Ironfounders 14

Asso. & Elec. Industries 39/8

Austin Motors, ord. 15

Cable & Wireless, New Form, ord. 51

B.-A. Tob. (bearer) 98/3

Mercantile Bank 12 1/2

Cammell Laird, ord. 6/8

Mexican Eagle 5/4 1/2

Courtaulds 35/8

Distillers 63/8

Dunlop Rubber 33

Gen. Electric (England) 79/8

Guinness (A) Son & Co. 77

Hawker Siddeley Air. 11/9

Bristol Aeroplane 13/8

Imperial Chemical Ind. 30/10 1/2

Imperial Tobacco 106/3

Marks & Spencer "A" ord. 38/8

Rolls Royce 83/9

Leyland Motors 69/7 1/2

Tate & Lyle 51/7 1/2

Turner & Newall 64/8

United Steel 22/8

Smetwick Drop For. 13/9

Armstrong Stevens, ord. 7

Pressed Steel, com. 16/10 1/2

Vickers, ord. 16/8

Woolworths 55/9

Anglo-Dutch 20/8

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

MAY 16, 1940	STOCKS	Last Sale	MAY 15, 1940	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	6	May 14	Kennecott Copper	32 1/2	May 14
Allegheny Steel Co.	20 1/2		Lakey Foundry & Mac.	2 1/2	
Allied Stores	6		Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	38 1/2	
Allis Chalmers	29 1/2		Lockheed Aircraft	30 1/2	
Aluminum Ltd.	73		Loew's Inc.	2 1/2	
Amer. Can.	103		Loft Incorporated	26	
American Cyanamid B.	31		Mack Truck Inc.	19 1/2	
Amer. & Foreign Power	1 1/2		Martin, Glen L.	37	
Amer. & Foreign 7 1/2 pt.	18		McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	22 1/2	
American Gas & Elec.	30 1/2		Monsanto Chemical	100	
Amer. Locomotive	14 1/2		Montgomery Ward	40	
Amer. Metals Co.	17		National Aviation	11	
Amer. Radiator	5 1/2		Nat. Dairy Products	14 1/2	
Amer. Rolling Mill	11		Nat. Distillers	20 1/2	
Amer. Sling and Ring Co.	43 1/2		National Gypsum	7	
Amer. Sugar Refining	17		National Lead	19	
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	154		Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2	
Amer. Tobacco "B"	78 1/2		National Steel Corp.	58	
Amer. Waterworks	7 1/2		National Supply Corp.	6 1/2	
Anaconda Copper	25		New York Central	11 1/2	
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	18 1/2		Niagara Hudson Power	15	
Auburn Motors	14		N. American Aviation	15	
Aviation Corp.	5		North American Co.	18 1/2	
Bacok & Wilcox	24		Northern Pacific	6	
Baldwin Locomotive	15 1/2		Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	54	
Baltimore & Ohio	34		Pacific Gas & Elec.	29 1/2	
Barber Asphalt Co.	11 1/2		Pacific Lighting	41	
Barnsdall Oil	9 1/2		Packard Motors	2 1/2	
Bell Aircraft Corp.	20 1/2		Pan-American Airways	10 1/2	
Bendix Aviation	29		Paramount Pictures	5	
Bethlehem Steel	78 1/2		Pennsylvania R.R.	17 1/2	
Bills & Co.	16 1/2		Phelps-Dodge	34 1/2	
Boeing Aircraft Co.	20		Philadelphia Read, Coal	4	
Borg-Warner	18 1/2		Phillips Petroleum	32 1/2	
Bridgeport Brass Corp.	10		Pittsburgh Coke & Iron	5 1/2	
Briggs Mfg.	16 1/2		Public Service of N.J.	34 1/2	
Brooklyn-Mhattan Trans.	18 1/2		Pullman Inc.	18 1/2	
Brooklyn-Manhattan 8 1/2	107 1/2		Pure Oil	8 1/2	
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	31		Radio Corp. of Am.	5 1/2	
Canadian Pacific Rwy	34		Reading Company, Com	11 1/2	
Casa, J.I.	57 1/2		Reading Company, 1st pfd	11	
Celanese	25		Remington Arms Co., Inc.	4 1/2	
Chesapeake & Ohio	35 1/2		Republic Aviation Corp.	4 1/2	
Chrysler Corp.	68 1/2		Republic Steel	16 1/2	
Climax-Molybdenum Co.	30		Revere Cop. & Brass Inc.	9 1/2	
Colts Patent Fire-Arms	79 1/2		Reynold Tobacco "B"	37 1/2	
Columbia Gas & Elec.	5		Richfield Oil	6 1/2	
Columbia 8 1/2 "A" pt.	85 1/2		Safeway Stores	6 1/2	
Commercial Credit Co.	34 1/2		Schenley Distillers	10 1/2	
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	1		Sears Roebuck	7 1/2	
Consolidated Edison	27 1/2		Shell Union Oil	9 1/2	
Consolidated Oil	6 1/2		Socony-Vacuum Oil	9 1/2	
Continental Can	39		Southern Pacific	8 1/2	
Continental Oil	21 1/2		Southern Ry 5 1/2 pfd.	18 1/2	
Copperweld Steel	19		Sperry	36	
Corn Products	53		Spicer Manufacturing Co.	26	
Curtis Wright (C.)	8		Standard Brands	6	
Curtis Wright "A"	24 1/2		Stand Gas & Elec.	14 1/2	
Deere & Co.	17 1/2		Standard Oil of California	20 1/2	
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	18		Standard Oil of N.J.	37 1/2	
Douglas Aircraft	81		Stone & Webster	6 1/2	
Du Pont de Nemours	16 1/2		Studebaker Corp.	7 1/2	
Eagle Picher Lead	74		Swift International	24	
Eaton Mfg. Co.	28		Technicolor	12 1/2	
Elec. Autolite	32		Texas Corp.	40 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share	4		Texas Gulf Sulphur	29 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share 5 1/2 pt.	55 1/2		Timken-Axle	20 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share 8 1/2 pt.	64		Trans-America Co.	5 1/2	
Elec. Power & Light 7 1/2 pt.	13		20th Cent. Fox	6 1/2	
Flintkote	14		20th Cent. Fox 5 1/2 pt.	18 1/2	
Gen. American Trans.	45		Union Bag & Paper Corp.	13 1/2	
Gen. Electric	31 1/2		Union Carbide & Carbon	73	
Gen. Motors	42 1/2		Union Pacific	85	
Gen. Railway Signal	12		United Aircraft	45 1/2	
Gen. Tire & Rubber	13 1/2		United Airlines Trans.	16 1/2	
Glidden Co.	13 1/2		United Corp.	13	
Goodrich (B.F.)	12 1/2		United Corp. 3 1/2 cum pt.	33	
Goodrich 5 1/2 pt.	53 1/2		United Gas Corp.	11	
Goodrich 8 1/2 pt.	18 1/2		United Gas Improvement	11 1/2	
Goodrich 10 1/2 pt.	18 1/2		U.S. Industrial Alcohol	19	
Great Northern Iron Ore	12 1/2		U.S. Rubber	20 1/2	
Great Northern Ry, pfd.	22 1/2		U.S. Rubber 5 1/2 pfd.	84 1/2	
Great Western Sugar	23		U.S. Steel	51 1/2	
Grain Processing Corp.	11 1/2		Vanadium	33 1/2	
Hercules Powder Co.	88 1/2		Vulcan Aircraft	7 1/2	
Homestake Mining	51		Walworth Co.	24	
International Harvester	47 1/2		Warner Bros. Pict.	21 1/2	
Int. Nickel	24		Westinghouse Elec.	96	
Int. Paper & Power	15 1/2		Woodward Iron Cor.	23 1/2	
Int. Tel. & Tel.	24		Chase National Bank	28 1/2	
Johns-Manville	59		National City Bank	23 1/2	
J. & Laughlin Steel 5 1/2 pfd.	55				

—bid. —ex. div.

DOW JONES AVERAGE

1939/40	High	Low	Dow Jones Averages	May 15, 1940	Close	Change
155.92	121.41	30	Industrials	158.11	128.97	8.38 off
35.90	24.14	20	Rails	27.83	27.47	28.33 1.00 off
37.70	20.70	20	Utilities	28.62	28.15	30.88 1.62 off
28.28	24.51	40	Bonds	87.20	86.99	1.31 off
63.67	45.69	11	Commodity Index	61.80	58.78	3.02 off
			Business Done		3,680,000 shares	

NEW FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—The Treasury has announced that the British Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Belgian and French Finance Ministers have concluded a tripartite financial agreement whereby reciprocal financial facilities for the settlement of their expenditures are granted as between Belgium and France on the one hand, and as between Belgium and the United Kingdom on the other hand.

This agreement is a token of the financial and monetary solidarity of the three countries with a view to their common victory.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER: London, May 4 (Reuter). Silver—Indian and speculative demand found scarcity of offerings. Business very small. Market uncertain. In the afternoon, the market was quietly steady, with small buyers at the rate but no offerings.

Spot, 22-1/2d.

Forward, 22-3/4d.

BOMBAY SILVER: Bombay, May 14 (Reuter).

Market—Firm. Offtake 100 bars.

Indian Mint Silver: Ready 61-15

June 2 Settlement 62-00

June 3 Settlement 62-03

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS
MAY 15, 1940

On London:—
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 13/16
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 13/16
Credits 4 months sight 1 3/16
On Shanghai:—
On demand 370
On Singapore:—
On demand 59 1/8
On Japan:—
On demand 82
On India:—
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 13/16
and demand 1/2 13/16
On New York:—
Bank Bills, on demand 19 1/4
Credits 60 days sight 20 7/8
On Batavia:—
On demand 35 1/8
On Paris:—
Bank Bills, on demand 108 1/2
Credits 4 months sight 114 0
On Saigon:—
On demand 108 1/4
On Manila:—
On demand 38 1/8
On Bangkok:—
On demand 150
On Sterling Notes:—
Bank Buying Rate 1/4
Bar Silver per oz. 23 1/2

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices rose to the extent of 1.5/16 for both Ready and Forward, the quotations being 22 1/2 and 22 3/8 respectively. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot. The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 320 1/4.

MARKET

STERLING

A small business was done during the early part of the morning at 1/2 29/32 for near delivery. The market closed with sellers at 1/2 29/32 May/November, buyers at 1/2 15/16 for any delivery.

U.S. DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 19 3/4 with business done towards the close at 19 1/8 for Spot. The market closed with sellers at 19 1/8, buyers at 19 7/8 for Spot.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 360 and then rose to 364. Towards the close the market dropped to 367 for Spot.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers at 3 3/8 3/32 but firmed up towards the close with sellers of Sterling at 4d for near.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, May 15 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

Opening

London 0/3-1/4

New York 4-1/4

Japan 13

India 18

Paris 2 3/8

Hongkong 21-3/4

Sellers

Opening Closing

Spot 0/3-3/4 0/3-17/32

May 0/3-23/32 0/3-1/2

June 0/3-10/32

U.S. Dollars

Spot 34-15/16 34-13/16

May 4-7/8 4-3/4

June 4-21/32

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalisation rate was 19 per cent.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, May 14 (Reuter).

Government 3 1/2 Rupees, 93-08-0 nominal.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, May 14 (Reuter).

T.T. on Japan, 99-7/8.

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, May 4 (Reuter).

TIN

buyers sellers

Standard, Cash 285-1/4 285-1/2

Standard, 3 months 282-3/4 283

Standard, Settlement Price 285-1/4

Straits 285-1/2 to 290-1/2

LONDON GOLD

London, May 4 (Reuter).

Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 108.

PAYNE & CO.

COMMODITY BROKERS
STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING
HONGKONG

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

New York, May 14, 1940.

SINGAPORE RUBBER
S P O T
JULY-SEPT.
OCT-DEC.
JAN-MARCH

LONDON RUBBER
S P O T
JULY-SEPT.
OCT-DEC.
JAN-MARCH

NEW YORK COTTON: Heavy foreign and local liquidation on news of the Allied set-back, the weakness of stocks and the heaviness of the textile market were all depressing factors. There was however, some Trade support on the scale down.

NEW YORK RUBBER: The market is reflecting the increasing uneasiness with regard to the N.E.I. situation following news of further German advances.

CHICAGO WHEAT: General liquidation on the unfavourable European war news and lack of confidence and support caused prices to decline steadily until the noon session when longs, sold freely. Each dip uncovered the press of stop-loss orders.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 137.63; Today's close, 128.27; Change, off 9.36.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

New York Cotton, July 9.99 9.35 10.40 9.54 50 off
New York Rubber, July 22.55 21.50 21.55 22.40 85 up
Chicago Wheat, Sept. 105 1/2 96 108 94 10 off
Chicago Corn, Sept. 67 1/2 61 67 62 51 off
New York Hides, June 13.77 13.40 13.62 13.40 22 off

NEW YORK COTTON
May 10.39/40 10.31/31 9.88/88 51 off
July 10.04/06 9.95/96 9.54/55 50 off
July (New contract) 10.20/22 10.08/08 9.70/70 50 off
October 9.73/74 9.63/62 9.24/26 49 off
December 9.61/61 9.51/51 9.11/13 50 off
January 9.58/58 9.45/45 9.08/10 50 off
March 9.46/46 9.35/35 8.95/95 51 off
Spot 10.48 9.98 50 off

The last notice day for May cotton:—22-5-40.

Total sales Monday:—72,300 bales.

NEW YORK RUBBER

May 23.10 N 23.45 N 35 up
July 21.55/55 21.55/50 22.40/45 85 up
September 20.61/62 20.65/67a 21.25/25 84 up
December 19.95/97 20.10/08 20.50/50 55 up
January 19.85/88a 19.95/95 20.44 N 59 up

Total sales:—5,400 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

May 105 1/2 105 1/2 96 1/2 10 off
July 105 1/2 105 1/2 104 1/2 96 1/2
September 104 1/2 104 1/2 104 1/2 96 1/2

Monday's sales:—33,202,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

May 66 1/2 66 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/2 4 off
July 67 1/2 67 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/2 5 off
September 67 1/2 67 1/2 62 1/2 62 1/2 5 off

WINNIPEG WHEAT

May 89 1/2 89 1/2 84 1/2 84 1/2 4 off
July 90 1/2 90 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2 5 off
October 93 1/2 93 1/2 88 1/2 88 1/2 5 off

NEW YORK HIDES

June 13.62 N 12.55/55 13.40/48 22 off
September 13.94/94 12.85/85 13.71/79 23 off
December 14.20/23 12.20/24 14.01/01 19 off
New York Official 34-3/4 34-3/4
NY-London Cross Rate 3.16 3.20-1/4

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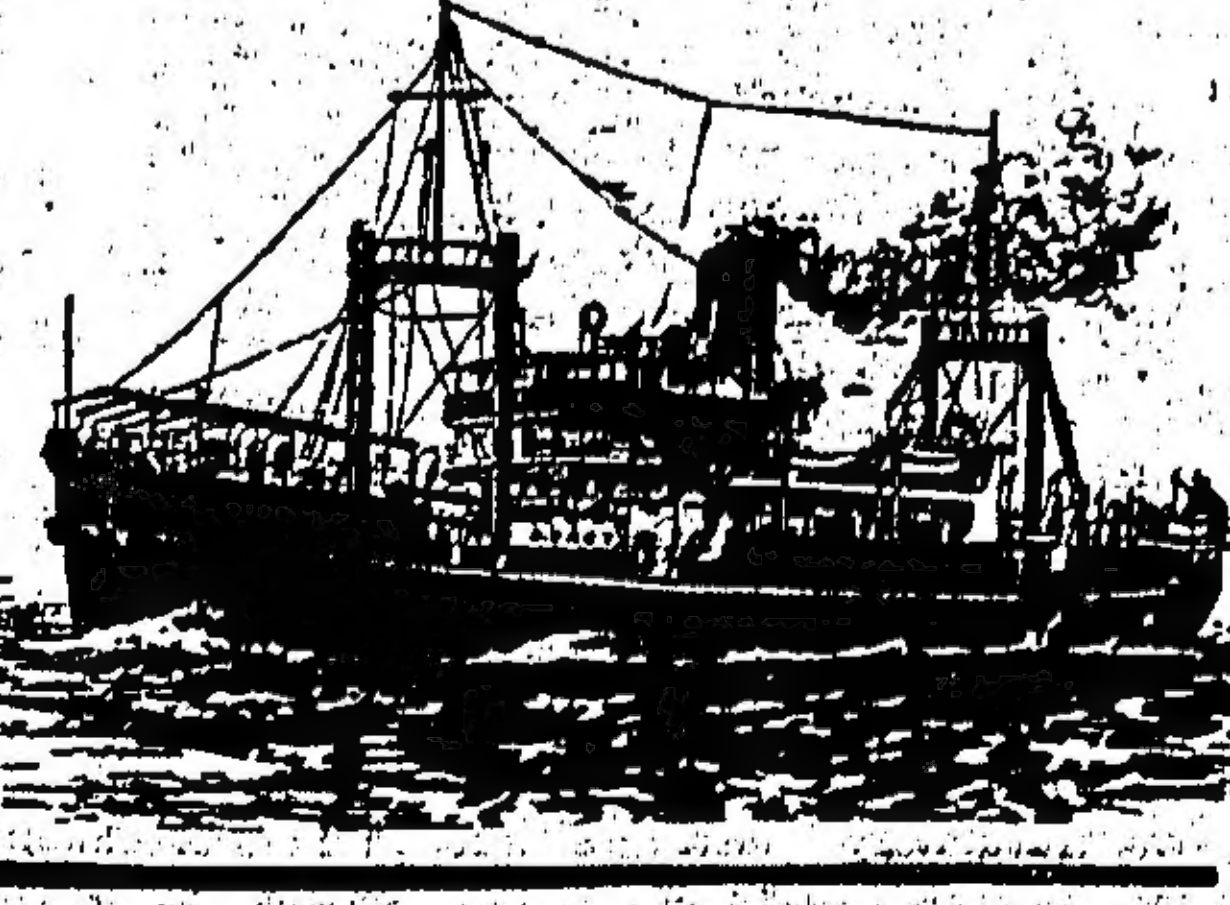
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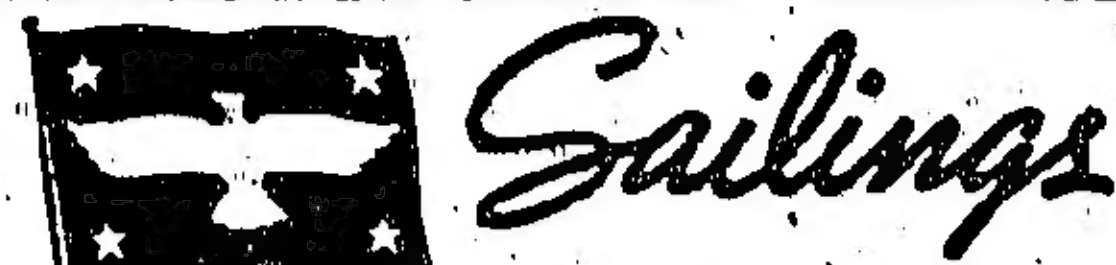
BANKS

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION

Authorized Capital.....\$50,000,000
Issued & Fully Paid-Up \$30,000,000
Reserve Funds:
Sterling.....\$ 6,500,000
H.K. Currency Reserve \$10,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors.....\$30,000,000

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 BOMBAY, MARSEILLES (CASA-
 BLANCA), etc. EARLY JUNE
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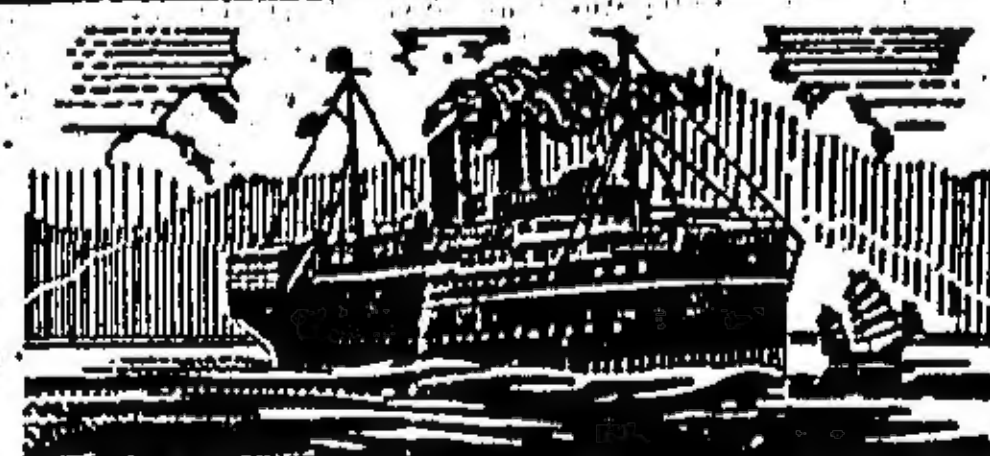
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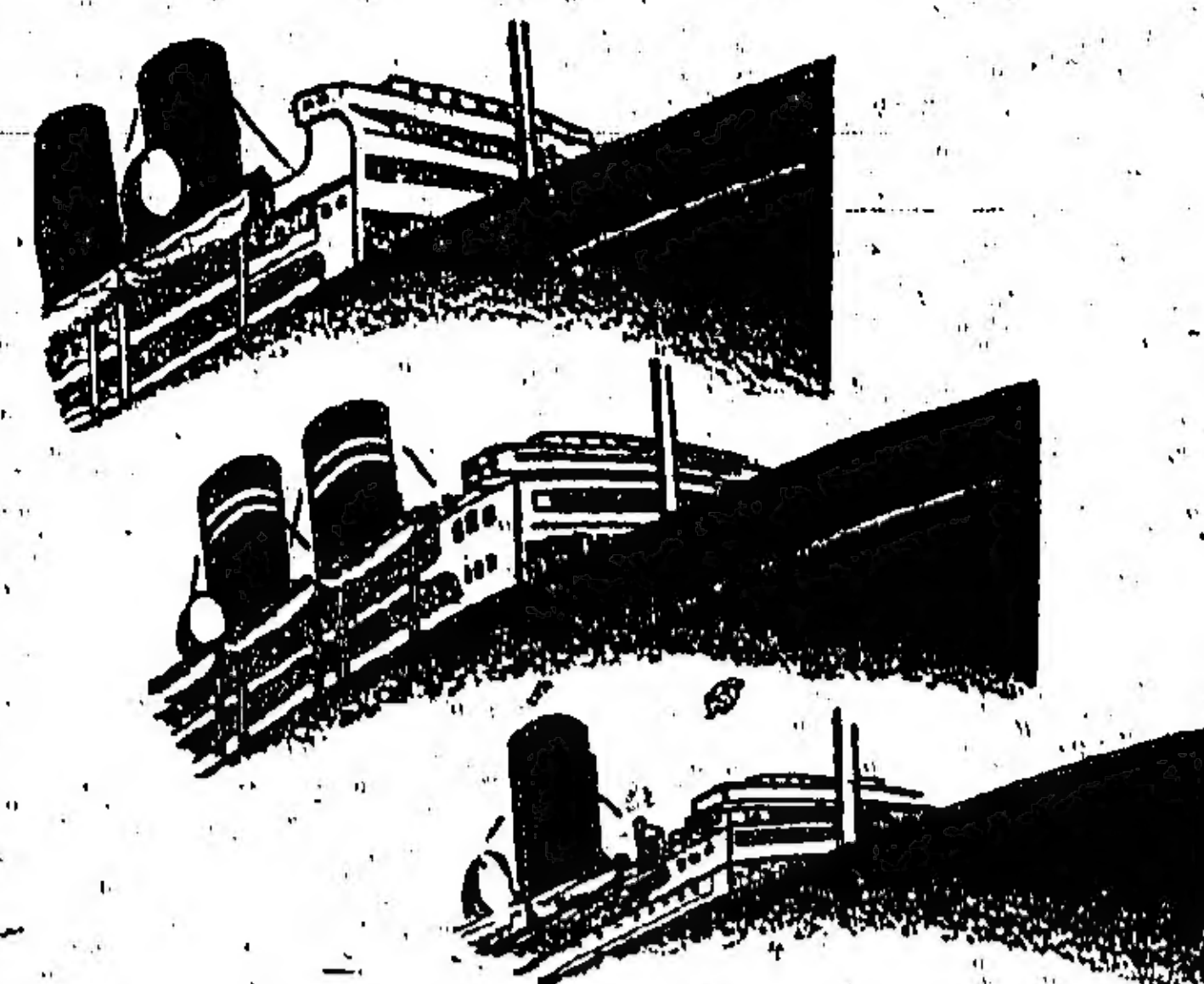
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